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THE DRIFT TO DESPOTISM.

The administration is determined to hide its hand in the Philippine business. Every day it becomes more evident that we did not overdraw the picture when we said, eleven months ago, that the opening of Congress in December would witness the beginning of the struggle for the life of the Republic.

On Tuesday, Senator Pettigrew offered an amendment to the Hoar resolution calling for the Aguinaldo correspondence and Lodge's amendment thereto, by requesting the President to lay before the Senate the instructions issued to the United States Peace Commission at Paris. After a short session with closed doors held upon the motion of Mr. Davis of Minnesota (one of the Peace Commissioners), a vote was taken in open session upon Mr. Pettigrew's amendment, with the result that it was lost by a vote of 41 to 20. All the Republicans, except Senator Hoar, voted against the amendment, and to these were added Lindsay, of Kentucky, McLaurin, of South Carolina, and Pettus, of Mississippi. Those voting for the amendment were the rest of the Democrats, reinforced by the Populists and Silver Republicans.

If the reader will turn to the extracts printed below from Mr. Bryan's Chicago speech, he will see how the state of war was made use of by the centralizationists to elect a Congress favorable to their views.

MR. BRYAN AT CHICAGO, ON JACKSON DAY.

In the course of his remarkable address at Chicago on Jackson Day, Mr. Bryan said some things that need especially to be pondered by those who have been wondering upon what side of the issues of the day Democracy should find its congenial habitat. These, for example:

THE ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

We know what the campaign will be. We now know the lines upon which it shall be fought, although we cannot tell what circumstances between now and then shall aid or hinder us in the contest.

The Chicago platform will be in the next campaign (long and continuous applause). The year of 1896 showed how the rank and file, when it was necessary, would overthrow a recreant leadership and determine the policy of a party; and the last three years have shown how the plain voters when once their conscience, their judgment and their determination are aroused, can withstand all the influences that have tried to turn them away from the party's creed. (Great applause). Plutocracy won in 1896 and the influences of plutocracy have been at work ever since 1896 to destroy the platform adopted in 1896, but all these influences have been exerted in vain and after three years of effort they have not been able to take from that platform one plank, one line or one syllable put there by the last National Convention. (Great applause and cheers). And as I have watched the vain effort that has been made here and there from time to time and have watched the people standing steadfast against every inducement, every blandishment and every threat, I have thought of the waves that roll up from the ocean and that break upon the shore and then fall back into the sea. As little influence have the plutocratic forces of this country exerted upon the rank and file of Democracy in three years, as the waves exert upon the shore.

NO DESERTION OF SILVER.

The money question is not dead (Great applause and cries of "no, no."). After a continuous burial of more than three years the Republicans accentuated the question by introducing in Congress a bill that would have condemned that party to overwhelming defeat if it had been suggested in the President's letter of acceptance in 1896 (Great applause); a bill that the Republican party would not have dared to go before the country on in 1896; and yet a bill which is being forced now under whip and spur through Congress and to the White House lest they shall never have a chance to do it again. (Great applause.)

THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE WAR.

They could not have secured this bill from the Congress elected in 1896. They could not have secured its passage by that Congress. They had to wait until the people were engaged in a war begun for humanity and then, while the people were intent upon a war begun to bring political independence to the people of Cuba, the financiers completed a capture of Congress that would make the people of the United States dependent upon a few financiers in the United States.

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WHAT WOMAN WILL REAR HER SON TO BE EXCHANGED FOR ORIENTAL TRADE?

You cannot very well go to a mourning mother and tell her that it pays to have her boy die. The mothers of this country will send their sons to fight for liberty, and if the sons fall, the mothers rejoice that God has given them the strength to bear sons for such noble service; but where is the mother who will rear sons for dollars and cents to be exchanged for oriental trade? (Great applause.)

Yet the man who says it will pay has got to put a pecuniary estimate upon the lives of American soldiers. He has got to tell you how much we are going to spend in money and how much in men, and then how much each man is worth. I believe in the extension of trade. I want this government to extend that trade. I want this nation to have communication with all the places of the world. I want this nation to send forth the products of its toil and supply the needy world everywhere, but I would not put one soldier upon the auction block and trade him off for all the commerce of the world. (Great applause and cheers.)

THE MASTER OF RELIGION.

But there is more potent argument that that of money. That is the religious argument. Very few men will attempt to defend imperialism on the basis of dollars and cents, but many have attempted to defend it on religious ground. Convince a man it is his religious duty to do a thing and he will do it; convince a man it is religious duty to take his own money and give it to some one else and he will do it; convince a man it is religious duty to give his life and he will give it; and, more unfortunately, man is so constituted that if you convince him that it is his religious duty to take somebody else's money, he will do it. Convince a man that it is religious duty to take some one else's life and he will do it; and how much money has been taken, and how many lives been taken by men who have deluded themselves with the idea that God told them to kill somebody or rob somebody! One Republican Senator the other day said that it was God's work; that God had opened the door of the Philippine Islands and pushed us in and shut the door. The question I asked of him is: "Who told him so? Did God? If so, when and where? If he did not tell him, to whom did he reveal it?" I have seen Republicans go up and down this land telling about God's plans, when I knew that if God knew them as well as I did he never would reveal a plan to them. (Great applause and laughter.)

You will find that this religious argument is a potent one. Oh, my friends, there is no one who has a right to tell us that God commands us either to take another man's property or another man's life. There is no one who can present credentials that will justify him in commanding us in the name of God to do wrong. We must search the scriptures ourselves and from them find God's will and learn our duty; and I read in holy writ that when Christ visited the village of the Samaritans and they refused to receive him and the disciples wanted to kill and to fire and to destroy, he turned and rebuked them saying, "The Son of Man has not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

And against this damnable doctrine of force and conquest I place the words of the Master himself, that his is the mission to lift up and not to destroy. (Great applause.)

THE TOBACCO GROWERS' CONVENTION.

There was a large gathering at the Tobacco Growers' Convention held in Raleigh on Wednesday. There was unanimity in the view that the Tobacco Trust caused the low price of tobacco, which price had been decreasing as the price of the manufactured product increased.

Following is the chief part of President Grimes's address:

It was decided that another convention be held here at this time, and that all tobacco growing counties of Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina be urged to send delegates. In response to this resolution you have now assembled. We invite at this convention the fullest and freest discussion of the tobacco business in all its phases, especially in relation to production, consumption, local co-operative factories, markets, etc. We also wish to ascertain as accurately as possible the acreage for the various counties represented, yield per acre, proportion of crop marketed, class of tobacco raised, prices, etc., and in regard to this last datum I would suggest that the county delegates prepare a tabulated report for the secretary of convention. * * We are informed that the markets are continually expanding and developing and that the price of manufactured tobacco is rising. The government's statistics show us that since 1890 there has been a decline of about twenty per cent. in production and a decline of about forty-three per cent. in total value. The large crop of 1890 averaged over eight cents per pound, while the small crop of 1896 brought only six cents per pound and I believe the average fer 1899 will be considerably lower. The question naturally arises, why the price of the raw article should decrease, as the price of the manufactured product increases? The margin between the raw material and the manufactured article should not be so great as to forbid profit to the grower. The profits from the former should not be in inverse ratio to the profits of the latter. Is this unnatural condition, caused, as is so frequently asserted, by a combination of capital, manipulating the markets in defiance of the great natural and economic law of supply and demand? There should be some equity in the sharing of profits. It is our purpose to encourage all legitimate investment of capital and we hope all interested in the tobacco business will take up this matter in a spirit of mutual interest and discuss actual conditions, aiding us in an honest investigation and in securing a thorough understanding of present depressed conditions. Let us learn the truth and fearlessly face it. Harmonious working together of all tobacco interests, mutually dependent, should secure beneficent results to both producer and manufacturer; making certain increased legitimate profits to the producer with no diminution of profit to the manufacturer. That man is an enemy to the farmer who attempts to unjustly array him against capitalists, and we would not be put in a position of being antagonistic to any legitimate corporation, as that is now the recognized mode of commercial progression, and has added billions to the industrial wealth of this country, where timid individual capital would never have ventured.

We want organized capital to come into our territory and assist in developing our latent resources and manufacturing our raw material. Give capital absolute protection, but let it understand that it comes to foster, not destroy. When a corporation becomes oppressive, the people, especially the agricultural people collectively, are able to control and restrain it. Co-operation of capital is a vital force and is necessary in handling all great enterprises. Co-operation of Agricultural interests are vitally necessary, and intelligently and aggressively combined can secure protective legislation and industrial emancipation. Co-operation can control the acreage and enable us to profitably market our crop. Co-operation can build us local factories and enable us to share in the profits of the manufacturers, giving us home markets for our tobacco as well as other farm produce. It is stated as a truism that purely agricultural products will continue to decline; and we know that the products of the farm while of enormous value in the aggregate, now yield very little profit to the tiller of the soil; the thousands of pine grown fields in North Carolina eloquently tell the tale of depressed agriculture. What of the future? Will the American farmer whose hardy manhood and rugged individuality won and preserved our liberties and made this great Republic, remain independent, or will the the value of the products of his labor be still further reduced and he sink to the level of the peasants of Europe, or the peons of the Orient? Will he be forced to compete with the products of the half breeds of the Antilles and the millions of Mongolian coolies we have recently purchased in the far east? But let us consider the evils from which we already suffer. It is often flippantly asserted that the key of agricultural prosperity is in the diversification of crops, and the raising of home supplies. This is true, intelligent husbandry, a man's ability to feed his family, his stock, his farm will assure him independence if he is free from debt and had the prevision to anticipate the great shrinkage of values that have come upon us; but even then there must be a margin of profit to educate his family and secure for them some of the comforts of life, and when agriculture ceases to be sufficiently remunerative for this, there is something radically wrong with the economic conditions prevailing. In the midst of the greatest volume of trade and the highest commercial prosperity the world has ever known, why should the farmer * * be growing poorer? We are willing that capital should draw increase from labor's productions, but the laborer is worthy of his hire, and we are not receiving just compensation for our toil. The combination of wealth properly curbed is a great blessing, but like any other powerful force unrestrained is dangerous and destructive. * * * Giant corporations unrestrained by civil or moral law are forming on everyhand and are now capitalized in the United States, it is said, at more than the value of all the gold and silver of all the world. Producers and consumers must yield their tribute in paying the interest on these enormous trusts not representing invested wealth, not developed worth, but imaginative and fictitious values, and all individual enterprise or opposition is starved or ridden down by these financial juggernauts. Conditions cannot remain as now; there is great unrest in the minds of the people. A great popular movement against trusts is on all over the Union, the slumbering spirit of the people is aroused and they have determined that the dangerous powers of the trusts be curbed and restrained. This uprising of the people is not a spirit of agrarianism, but a popular demand for equality of opportunity for all citizens of the Republic. Conservative men today all over the country are embracing and advocating measures that a few years ago they themselves characterized as socialistic. The remedy is in the people; we have only to learn from the trusts the lesson of ORGANIZATION and close co-operation. Our trust must be upon ourselves. It will be difficult to secure the united action of a scattered agricultural population of complex interests and varying grades of intelligence, but we regard it as by no means a hopeless proposition, as self-preservation demands such a union and with one day force them to combine and I believe that day is at hand.

While the history of farmers' organizations has not been satisfactory, still that the farmers can organize effectually was demonstrated by the Alliance which exerted a great and powerful influence for good until the apple of discord fell among them and they well-nigh destroyed themselves by interanal dissensions. And it is not too much to hope that that organization in this State under its present able and honored President, Maj. Graham, will be restored to its pristine purity and usefulness.

In our organization we cannot expect too immediate results, as it will require time and patience and much work in our efforts to solve the greatest problem that today confronts the industrial masses of America.

Bryan in Cincinnati—Says that the Filipinos Should be Allowed to Form a Government And be Helped to Maintain It.

A Cincinnati telegram of Wednesday says:

Hon. William J. Bryan addressed an audience of 5,000 persons at Music Hall this city, tonight.

Mr. Bryan said that the time had come when no farmer or laborer could afford to be a Republican. That party, he said, had entirely changed front. He quoted from Lincoln's letter to a Boston Republican meeting in 1859 and also from that President's first message, in which Lincoln said that he feared monarchical tendencies in the republic.

Passing to the money question Mr. Bryan said that he had been asked to drop that issue. He believed in it; that is, in the double standard. As to dropping the money question, he said that there was no man in this nation big enough to let that question fall in such a way as to break it.

Mr. Bryan devoted considerable time to the Currency bill before Congress. Passing to the trust question, he argued that monopolies could be stopped by the exercise of powers within the province of Congress.

The greater part of his two-hours' speech was devoted to the Philippine question. This, he said, was an issue on which American sentiment had never been expressed in any national election. He discussed the defense of the Philippine policy and was severe on the theory that the possession of the Philippines would pay.

"I would not put the life of one American soldier on the auction block," declared Mr. Bryan, "for all the gold and all the wealth of all the Philippines."

His solution of that question, he said, would be to announce to the Filipinos, as had been announced to the Cubans, that they would be assisted in establishing an independent government and would afterwards receive the same protection in maintaining it that the South American republics had received.

Having a Great Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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Our Duty in the Philippines.

Representative Quigg, of Massachusetts, referring to Senator Hoar's attitude on the Philippine question, declared that the Senator "wants us to skulk from our duty." Senator Hoar takes the words quoted as his text and says, in part:

"I wish to put against the statement my emphatic denial. What I want the American people to do is to do in the Philippines exactly what we have done, are doing and expect to do in Cuba. We have liberated both from Spain, and we have had no thought—at least I had no thought—of giving either back to Spain. I should as soon give back a redeemed soul to Satan. Having delivered them from Spain, we were bound in all honor to protect their newly acquired liberty against the ambition or greed of any other nation on earth. And we were equally bound to protect them against our own.

"We base our policy in regard to Cuba on the ground that it was a policy of righteousness and liberty.

"If we were bound in honor and righteousness as a matter of principle to abstain from depriving Cuba of the liberty we had given her because it was right, we are, in my judgment, all the more bound to abstain from depriving the people of the Philippines of their liberties because it is right.

"Are the people of the Philippine Islands as well entitled to their freedom and independence as the people of Cuba? Had they contributed as much to achieving their independence as had the people of Cuba? Do they desire their independence as do the people of Cuba? Are they fit to govern themselves as are the people of Cuba? Have they forfeited their right to their independence by any misconduct, such as attacking the army of the United States wantonly and without provocation?

"I have two witnesses to call—General Otis and Admiral Dewey."

The Heliograph.

The instrument used in sun signaling consists of a mirror mounted on a telescope in such a manner that by directing the telescope to a distant station a beam of sunlight may be thrown upon the station. These flashes are read according to the Morse code or a cipher code, thus making possible the transmission of messages. The heliograph, as the instrument is called, is used in survey work in time of peace and in transmitting military messages in time of war. Messages have been sent great distances by this means. The operation of the instrument depends upon the shining of the sun, and it cannot, therefore, be used in cloudy weather.

Senator Morgan's Tribute to Mecklenburg.

In reply to resolutions of thanks by the Democratic executive committee of Mecklenburg to Senator Morgan for his speech against Senator Pritchard's resolution in the United States senate declaring the proposed amendment to the North Carolina constitution unconstitutional, the following has been received by the chairman of the committee:

"I have the honor to receive your resolution of thanks from the Democratic committee of Mecklenburg county.

"The veneration in which we all true Americans hold the 'birthplace of American independence' and the honor that belongs to the race of men who first declared our independence, inpress me with the most sincere gratitude for your approval of my effort to restore to them the great heritage bequeathed to them by their fathers.

"It is not becoming in the descendants of such men to voluntarily submit their political destiny to the condition of equality with the negro race, and there is no legal compulsion that requires of them such dangerous and depraving humiliation.

"The people of the United States at the polls will again declare your liberty and your equality with your own ancestors, and will relieve you of the insulting stigma that you are only the political or social equals of the negro race.

"The Mecklenburg declaration of independence would never have been made if your fathers had supposed that it would be so perverted and abused as to reduce their posterity to political or social equality with the negro race.

"I thank you for the great honor you have bestowed upon me. With sincere respect. JOHN T. MORGAN.

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We are proud to say that North Carolina has more than one son who can measure up to this high standard. But we are still prouder to say that Harnett county has such a man—one who fills the bill to a nicety. It has been a long time since the Cape Fear section has been honored by the State party, but it is not for this reason that Harnett county asks that her gifted son, Hon. D. H. McLean, be honored with the nomination and election to the office of Secretary of State. We ask it because we believe he is the strongest man the party can name for this office. He is an able campaigner, capable of caring for himself with the strongest adversary. He is an unflinching Democrat, giving of his time and means cheerfully and abundantly to the success of his party. He is a pure and upright man, morally and politically. He is a lawyer, and a man whom the people delight to honor. When he speaks they delight in listening. In this County, where he has always lived, he is beloved by all, in fact is invincible. Whenever he has consented to be a candidate he has always been elected, all parties giving him support. It is a true saying, "Where he is known best, he is loved best."

He is not a rich man, but a happy and well-to do citizen, having won his success by the faithful study and practice of his profession. He has ever been a true friend to the people, and with such men as Hon. D. H. McLean on the State ticket the party can march on to victory, with the assurance that no mistake has been made.

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Cunningham for Governor.

Durham Sun.

Colonel John S. Cunningham, of Cunningham, Person county, arrived in the city over the Norfolk & Western road Monday night, and this morning went to Raleigh to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons.

A Sun reporter was pleased to meet Col. Cunningham while here. We had seen it stated that the genial Colonel is a candidate for Governor of North Carolina, and we asked him about the matter. He told us that this was so.

Col. Cunningham is well known all over North Carolina and in numerous other States. He is one of the staunchest Democrats to be found in this country, and is in thorough accord with all Democratic measures and policies. Col. Cuningham is a most pleasing speaker, and if he gets the nomination for Governor, will make a vigorous campaign.

He takes great interest in all matters pertaining to the State's welfare and progress. As president of the North Carolina State Fair, he was one of the best that our State has ever had. He did his utmost to make the fair a success, and right well did he succeed.

Col. Cuningham resides at Cuningham, Person county, and has one of the prettiest country places to be found anywhere. Thrift and energy are everywhere apparent in that neighborhood. He is one of the largest tobacco planters in the world, and besides being an extensive farmer, is a very successful business man. He is concerned in a number of enterprises in the State, and his wise judgment and keen foresight are most important factors in their success.

Should Col. Cuningham get the nomination for Governor, he will be elected by a very large majority. He would grace the place of chief executive of the great State of North Carolina with honor and dignity.

German Views of American Industry.

Philadelphia Record.

The general conclusion of the German observers of our industrial methods and progress is fairly set forth in an address recently delivered by Dr. Vosberg Rekow before the Berlin Association of Merchants and Manufacturers. According to this shrewd and experienced observer, Americans are destined to play an important role in the economic affairs of the world. "Nevertheless," he adds, "the development of American industry is not symmetrical or complete. There are gaps and points of weakness here and there. One industry may be very highly developed, while a correlative branch is primitive and neglected. One notices that American manufacturers are generally not broadly educated, though they are skillful and well informed in their separate specialties. They are highly original and ingenious, and when they seriously take up any special branch of manufacture they soon explode and supersede the older methods of Europe. For all this, we need not greatly fear the Americans. Their training is too incomplete and one-sided to render them successful competitors in the long run."

Where Conventions Have Been Held.

Philadelphia Press

The eleven national conventions of each of the great parties held since the organization of the Republican party have been as follows:

	Republican.	Democratic.
1856—	Philadelphia.	Cincinnati.
1860—	Chicago.	Charleston and Baltimore.
1864—	Baltimore.	Chicago.
1868—	Chicago.	New York.
1872—	Philadelphia.	Baltimore.
1876—	Cincinnati.	St. Louis.
1880—	Chicago.	Cincinnati.
1884—	Chicago.	Chicago.
1888—	Chicago.	St. Louis.
1892—	Minneapolis.	Chicago.
1896—	St. Louis.	Chicago.

The last conventions held anywhere in the East were those of 1872, one in Philadelphia and one in Baltimore.

Illustrations of the Regimental Histories.

Raleigh News and Observer.)

"I think from my correspondence that there will be from 300 to 400 portraits of Confederate soldiers in their uniforms in the Sketches of North Carolina Regiments which will be issued this year," said Judge Clark yesterday. "The publication of these sketches, illustrated, will be a very valuable contribution to State history. I only wish it had been undertaken earlier. Many of the bravest men have passed away and we have not yet been able to secure their pictures."

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Hidden Beauty

In Egypt the custom is for Princesses to hide their beauty by covering the lower part of the face with a veil. In America the beauty of many of our women is hidden because of the weakness and sickness peculiar to the sex. If the Egyptian custom prevailed in this country, many sufferers would be glad to cover their premature wrinkles, their sunkencheeks, their unhealthy complexion, from the eyes of the world with the veil of the Orient.

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Manufacturers Record.

The annual report of the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore shows that this corporation continues to experience the remarkable success which has attended it since its organization. The capital stock now amounts to $2,000,000, with a surplus of $3,500,000 and undivided profits of $377,000 additional. Its deposits have reached the remarkable sum of $6,242,000. The net profits of the company during the year aggregated $1,210,684, while it paid in dividends $300,000. The net profits alone amounted to over 50 per cent. of the entire capital stock. The company has re-elected its present officers and added the following gentlemen to its directory: James T. Woodward, president of the Hanover National Bank of New York; William Salamon, chairman of the board of directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.; Pliny Fisk, a member of the firm of Harvey Fisk & Co. of New York; Robert J. Lowry, of the banking firm of Lowry & Co. of Atlanta, Ga.; Blanchard Randall and Samuel J. Lanahan of Baltimore.

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A Place Where They Appreciate Their Newspapers.

The Durham newspapers do not take the press dispatches, but they are fine newspapers, all the same. A recent issue of the Sun contains the following letter from Col. Blackwell:

EDITOR SUN:—I am proud of the newspapers of Durham. Our town has continued to widen out so satisfactorily and beyond the expectations of the most enthusiastic, and is still going ahead with rapid strides in business, in wealth, in education, good government and soberness; and also widening out in all directions for the good of all our people. The newspapers of our town, which have been great helpers in our progress and advancement, have widened out and grown faster than any other arm of this great progress, and I am proud of them. I am proud of them for their great progress and look at their strides forward with wonder. Why, a few years ago we had no paper here, no town here, and but very few people here, no merchants here, or but very few at least, no trade with the outside world, no churches to amount to much, no schools, no streets, no money, no banks, no factories. Now, just look around, and you can hardly find out what we haven't got. We have the best newspapers here—up to date in news—and everything a city has.

Here are the largest tobacco factories in the country, large cotton factories, churches and schools, the best preachers and teachers for our churches and schools, largest up to date stores of every kind with the best class of merchants, the biggest banks and the most money in them of almost any common size city, more large capitalists than any other place of our size. In fact, we have the largest number of young people to the number of old ones of any place I have ever been to. We have the best city government of any town in the State. There are fewer loafers and deadbeats and fewer drunkards than any town almost anywhere according to population.

You newspaper men have done much to bring about such a state of things, I say, God bless you and all the rest of them. A newspaper is one of the great levers to build up a business or a town. Where would Durham have been today had it not been for printer's ink? She would have been right here, an old field, holding the earth together, and of no other use. The land was a poor old field in 1867, and her dirt brought less than five dollars per acre. What is it worth now no one knows.

I am proud of Durham, her people and her newspaper men, and wonder how they get all the news with such small force.

Yours truly,
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To the Board of Trustees Fayetteville Graded School:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to submit for consideration by you the following report of Fayetteville Graded School for the fourth month ending January 12th, 1899:

Number boys enrolled this month,	142
Number girls enrolled " "	148
Total enrollment " "	290
Average daily attendance	221
Per cent. of attendance	83

12 new pupils have been enrolled this month and 23 have left school. 15 of the 23, who have left school, have moved away from Fayetteville.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Boys—Alton Bynum, Robert Hall, Robert Adams, Raymond Maultsby, Isaac Murray, John Henry Reid, Esker Amos, Robert M. Holland, Norwood W. Tillinghast, Harold Sedberry, Henry L. Cook, Wallace Prior, Willie Adams, Grady Crawford, Reid Crawford, Geo. Myrover, Paul Stewart, Silas Sheetz, Jacquelin Crosswell, Claude Overby, Sebastian Maultsby, Willie Broadfoot, Marion Huske, Albert Humphrey, Clyde Lockamy, Thomas Rankin, Eugene Morgan, James Maultsby, Frank Tomlins, Claude Rankin.

Girls—Annie Highsmith, Sadie Hall, Mary Helen Sheetz, Della Boone, Myrtle Folb, Ethel Hall, Frankie Murray, Florence Tomlins, Henrietta Evans, Eleanor Huske, Alice Kennedy, Alma Nolley, Irene Humphrey, Charlotte McDuffie, Mary Black, Janie Black, Ellen Brandt, Louise Huske, Berta Johnson, Nora McDuffie, Jean Pemberton, Lillian Haigh, Charlotte Holland.

Respectfully,
A. B. HILL,
Superintendent.

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1900.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

"Where the gold Democrats are numerically weak they will profess to accept the platform, but will oppose every plan that is calculated to bring success to the platform."
—William J. Bryan to National Committeeman C. S. Thomas, of Colorado.

WYATT THE FIRST CONFEDERATE KILLED IN ACTION.

We find the following in a highly esteemed contemporary, no doubt inserted by inadvertence:

"Let it be borne in mind that Henry Wyatt, killed at Bethel, was neither a native of North Carolina, nor was he the first soldier killed. Wyatt was born in Richmond Va. The first soldier killed was in a Virginia cavalry company: and it was some days before the skirmish at Bethel. North Carolina asks for no honors that do not belong to her."

The matter was long ago thrashed out—at a time, too, when the events, of which this was such a conspicuous one, were fresh in the public mind—and it was settled that Henry Wyatt, a private in Captain Bridgers's Company A (Edgecombe Guards), of the First North Carolina Volunteers, ("Bethel" Regiment), was the first soldier of the Confederacy killed in battle. The incident has passed into history, so far as North Carolina is concerned, being cut in the enduring granite on the principal face of the Soldiers' Monument that stands at the West front of the Capitol Square at Raleigh, erected there by the Women of North Carolina under the authority and by the assistance of the State. That inscription reads: "First at Bethel, Last at Appomattox." The meaning of this epigram, as we understand it, is that the State won the first battle of the war at Bethel and gave the first life in battle there; and that her troops were the chief actors at Appomattox, being the most numerous and also firing the last shots there.

That the truth is as we have stated it, and that the matter may be accepted as settled for all time, it is only necessary to refer to the authoritative view of what may be considered the other party to the question, viz: the historians of Virginia. On page 140, of Volume III, of the "Confederate Military History," being the Virginia volume of that great work, Major Jed Hotchkiss, the historian selected by the Confederate Veterans of Virginia, says, in his account of the Battle of Bethel:

"In his report, General Magruder lauded the conduct of his men, adding: 'Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the heroic soldier whom we lost. He was one of four who volunteered to set fire to a house in our front, which was thought to afford protection to our enemy, and, advancing alone between the two fires, he fell midway, pierced in the forehead by a musket ball. Henry L. Wyatt is the name of this brave soldier and devoted patriot. He was a member of the brave and gallant First North Carolina Regiment.' *It is generally admitted* [adds the Virginian historian, Major Hotchkiss] *that young Wyatt was the first Confederate soldier killed in action in Virginia during the civil war.*"

The italics are ours. The whole matter, together with the long list of leaders whom this "favorite regiment" of North Carolina gave to the companies, regiments, brigades, divisions and corps, that were organized after or shortly before its disbandment, and the many other incidents which proved its worthiness of the primary position assigned it by the State, are, as we understand it, given in the "History of the First North Carolina Volunteers, or 'Bethel' Regiment," which is now being published by the Raleigh News and Observer under Judge Clark's direction. It is true, as stated in this regimental history, (though not alluded to by Major Hotchkiss in his), that Wyatt was born in Virginia, his parents at the time being residents of Richmond, but he and they were citizens of North Carolina when he volunteered as a private in the Edgecombe Guards. They removed to North Carolina during his childhood,

Visiting the Home of Their Ancestors.

Dr. Catherine R. Collins and her sister, Miss Mary D. Collins, of Atlanta, are spending a day or two at Mrs. John Broadfoot's on Haymount.

These ladies, to whom our people extend a cordial welcome, are the daughters of Mr. Thomas Collins, of Kentucky, and his wife who was Miss Eliza Beach, of Fayetteville. The last named lady, who was a daughter of Mr. Barnum Beach, of Connecticut, who came to reside in Fayetteville some time in the Forties, was a schoolmate here of Mrs. Josiah Bryan (Miss Sarah Hodges), Mrs. J. M. Evans (Miss Gaus), and Mrs. William Lutterloh (Miss Della Matthews).

These very interesting visitors have come merely to see the home of their Carolinian ancestors, but the three ladies mentioned and the numerous descendants of Mrs. Eliza Beach Collin's other school-mates in Fayetteville would rejoice to have them prolong their stay.

Mr. E. W. Overbaugh is at home to spend a week or two.

BRYAN IN BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK.

We have received from our former Democratic townsman, Mr. Owen B. Wightman, now residing in Baltimore, a letter in which he says: "I send you a copy of William J. Bryan's *complete* speech in Baltimore last night. If you could have seen the thousands that packed the building and the thousands that were turned away your advocacy of Bryan could *possibly* be intensified."

The speech as given in full in the Baltimore Herald is certainly a remarkable one, and it is plain upon reading it, and the comments of the audience plentifully sprinkled throughout the report, why the press dispatches were so quickly and skillfully employed the next morning to throw all the cold water upon the affair possible.

Mr. Wightman also promises us a report of the speech which Mr. Bryan is to deliver in Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday night, from which as well as from the report of the Baltimore speech we shall have occasion to make extracts.

IN NEW YORK.

A telegram of Monday night's date, announcing Mr. Bryan's arrival in New York, says:

Hon. William J. Bryan, vigorous, alert and wary, came to this city today for the first time since the acknowledgement by Tammany Hall and the New York State Democratic organization of the leadership of his party and his right to a second nomination for the Presidency.

Mr. Bryan's reception room in the Hoffman House was crowded with visitors all day. No opportunity will be given him to speak while he is in the city. He has been asked to make an address in Jersey City.

All the New York Democrats who saw him united in declaring that his visit had no political significance and only questions of State and local politics were discussed.

"There are three issues now prominent in the campaign," said he. "They are the money question, trust question and imperialism.

"There may be differences of opinion as to their relative importance, but the position of the Republican party on any one of them is sufficient to drive out of it any man who believes that the Government should be administered in the interest of the majority and not for the benefit of the favored few."

"How do you propose to bring the Gold Democrats back into the party?" was asked.

"Many of them have already come back," said Mr. Bryan. "Some will not return at all, and it is useless to ask them. Some will come back because they now believe in the Chicago platform, and some will be attracted by new issues to support the entire platform, though they may not agree with every part of it."

"What distinction do you make between imperialism and expansion?"

"Expansion is a term that can be applied only to an extension of the limits of the Republic without any change in its character. For example, the purchase of the Louisiana territory increased the area of the country and the country has been settled and divided into States, the citizens of which have equal rights and privileges under the Government. Webster defines an empire as a nation which embraces a variety of races and a diversity of governments. The idea now promulgated by the Republicans is that the nation should reach out and draw other nations under the flag by force and then govern them as subjects.

A REPUBLIC CAN HAVE NO SUBJECTS.

"My contention is that the Republic can have no subjects and that it cannot afford to bring in those who are not to share in full the destiny of the American people.

"Each proposed annexation must be settled on its own merits and we must consider whether the people to be annexed desire to come in and also whether we want them to come in. The Filipinos do not desire to come in, and I do not think that the majority of the American people desire to have them. Therefore I have favored from the beginning and still favor an immediate announcement of the nation's purpose to give them independence on the same terms as we have promised to give it to the Cubans—that is, as soon as a stable government has been established.

"I further believe that the nation should give to the Filipino Government the same protection that has been given to the republics of Central and South America—a protection which would prevent molestation from without. I do not mean a protectorate, but rather the extension of the Monroe doctrine."

Cotton Mills Chartered Last Year.

A Raleigh correspondent gives the names and locations of the cotton mills chartered by the State the past year as follows:

Revolution, Greensboro, Tolar, Hart & Holt, Fayetteville; Bala, Cabarrus county; Fountain, Tarboro; Robbins, Goldsboro; Glenoe, Alamance county; Delgado, Wilmington; Daniel, Lincolnton; Patterson, Halifax county, Shelby, Shelby; Masseliefield, Tarboro; Sanford, Sanford; Avalon, Rockingham; Indian Creek, Lincoln county; Scotland, Richmond county; Carolina and Alamance, both in Alamance county; Winston, Winston; Central, Davidson county; Lula, Gaston county; Kinston, Kinston; Tuscarora, Cabarrus county; Windermere, Stanley county; Neuse River, Wake county; Catawba, Catawby county; Royall, Wake Forest; Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City; Pemboroke, New Bern; Gibson, Concord; Melrose, Raleigh; National Finishing, Greensboro.

The New Telephone Company.

The Fayetteville Telephone Exchange has been purchased by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. This is a company recently organized, and has purchased the exchanges at Tarboro, Kinston, Washington, Snow Hill, Scotland Neck and Fayetteville, and a large mileage of toll lines. Its officers are W. H. Powell, Jr., of Tarboro, N. C., President; A. McDowell, Scotland, N. C., Vice-President; and Geo. A. Holderness, Tarboro, N. C., Secretary and Treasurer.

The paid in capital is $50,000. We understand it is the policy of this company during the coming year to build a number of toll lines, one of which will be from here to Dunn, N. C., thus giving connection to Fayetteville with almost the entire eastern middle parts of the State.

The new company takes charge here February 1st.

Bryan at Baltimore.

Evidently the press dispatch agents are not favorable to the Democratic cause. The news which they telegraphed over the country on Sunday morning concerning Mr. Bryan's great speech and its reception at Baltimore on Saturday night, conveyed the impression that it was anything but the overwhelmingly brilliant success it really was. Yesterday's Baltimore Sun, the great goldite Democratic paper which carried Maryland over to the Republicans in 1896, contains a glowing account of the speech and its reception, and of the magnificent ovation accorded the speaker.

Here are a few paragraphs from the long account in that paper, upon whose editor and reporters the speech evidently made a great impression:

EFFECT ON THE AUDIENCE.

It was interesting to watch the effect of Mr. Bryan's speech on the audience. Some of those present had stood outside half an hour or more, had stood inside an hour before speaking began, yet seemed to forget it all as they listened through the two hours' speech. One white-haired man stood at the edge of the stage immediately under Mr. Bryan. His delight was great, and at telling points he would slap his thighs and almost dance as he laughed or cheered. One distinguished-looking old gentleman near the door said, as he brushed tears away, "It's no use talking, sir, an eloquent speaker sweeps you with him, whether you wish to go or not." Rev. Dr. J. E. Grammer, who was on the stage, at times would rub his hands together and chuckle, "Great, great," though he said after that he did not agree with Mr. Bryan.

As a rule, however, few comments could be heard, as though the listeners were too intent upon following the flow of speech to express their thoughts in words.

The Boers seemed to have plenty of friends in the audience, as several references to them were tumultuously cheered. The most popular part of the speech, however, was that dealing with trusts. When Mr. Bryan ended his argument on the currency question he took a drink of water, wiped his forehead and said: "I must pass on to the trust question." Immense applause at once broke out all over the hall, as if something long and anxiously expected had arrived. A voice shouted, "Have no mercy on them," and the applause was renewed with laughter.

REMARKABLE SCENE AT THE CLOSE.

A remarkable scene followed the close of Mr. Bryan's speech. Those nearest him on the stage crowded around to grasp his hand. Spontaneously, it seemed, those on the floor of the hall caught the idea. There was a wild rush to clamber upon the stage. Men and boys swarmed over its edge like an army scaling a rampart. Mr. Bryan was in the midst of a struggling mass, men reaching over one another's shoulders to seek his hand. One man who could not get up himself helped his son up. Another shouted excitedly to some friends, "Come on boys, I've shaken hands with him twice." As Mr. Bryan's escort forced a way for him off the stage the rapidly growing crowd struggled wildly to get through the door after him.

The Late Mr. Ruskin.

Our dispatches on Saturday announced the death, at the age of 81, of John Ruskin.

The name and writings of John Ruskin [illegible] known wherever the English language is spoken. His long career marks one of the brightest periods of English literature, of which he was one of the brightest ornaments.

Born in London, Ruskin was educated privately and at Christ Church, Oxford, where he gained the Newdigate prize in 1839. He then devoted himself to painting, and worked under Copley Fielding and J. D. Harding. A pamphlet in defense of Turner and the modern English school of landscape painting was his first effort in the cause of modern art, and it was enlarged into a standard work, entitled "Modern Painters."

The author's success as a writer on art was decided by the warm reception accorded to this volume, of which several editions have since been published. Mr. Ruskin's views, however, were combated with bitter asperity by some of the art critics of the day, who resented with an affectation of contempt his free expression of dissent from the trammels of their school.

In his second volume of "Modern Painters," written after a residence in Italy, and published in 1846, he took a much wider survey of the subject originally entered upon, including the works of the great Italian painters, and discussed at length the merits of their respective schools. This, his chief work, has been completed by the publication of three additional volumes, the last of which, published in 1860, contains illustrations by himself.

Mr. Ruskin temporarily diverted his attention from the study of painting to that of architecture, and wrote "The Seven Lamps of Architecture," published in 1849, as a first result, followed by the first volume of "The Stones of Venice," in 1851; the second and third volumes of which appeared in 1853. The illustrations in the last named productions, which excited some of the same professional hostility that his first publication evoked, displayed to much advantage his artistic powers.

He expounded his views both in lectures and in newspapers and reviews, having as early as 1847 contributed articles to the Quarterly on Lord Lindsay's "Christian Art." In 1851 he advocated pre-Raphaelitism in letters to the Times; and in 1853 he lectured in Edinburgh on Gothic architecture.

In addition to these works Mr. Ruskin wrote "Notes on the Construction of Sheepfolds;" the "King of the Golden River," a story for children, illustrated by Doyle, in 1851; "The Two Paths: Lectures on Architecture and Painting," in 1854; "Notes to Pictures in the Royal Academy, Nos. 1 to 5," in 1854-59; "Giotto and His Works In Padua," written in 1855 for the Arundel Society; "Notes on the Turner Collection," in 1857; "Cambridge School of Art," and "Lectures on Art; "Political Economy of Art," in 1858; "Elements of Perspective" and "Lectures on Art; Decoration and Manufacture," in 1859; "Unto This Last: Four Essays," republished from the Cornhill Magazine, in 1862; "Ethics of the Dust: Ten Lectures," "Sesame and Lillies: Two Lectures," and "Study of Architecture In Our Schools," in 1865: "Crown of Wild Olives: Three Lectures," in 1866: and "The Queen of the Air: Being a Study of the Greek Myths of Cloud and Storm."

To the Art Journal he contributed "The Cestus of Aglaia," and he had written for leading periodicals.

In 1852 Ruskin married Miss Euphemia Chalmers Gray, eldest daughter of George Gray, of Perthshire, Scotland. He engaged Sir John Millais to paint her portrait. She fell in love with Millais and married him, Ruskin consenting to a divorce.

Mr. Ruskin was appointed Rede lecturer at Cambridge in April, 1867, and the Oxford Senate conferred the degree of LL.D. upon him May 15. He was also elected Slade professor of fine arts at Oxford, and in 1872 published "Aratra-Pentelici; Six Lectures on the Elements of Sculpture, given before the University of Oxford in Michaelmas Term, 1870." In 1871 he proposed to devote £5,000 (about $25,000) for the purpose of an endowment to pay a master of drawing in the Taylor Galleries, Oxford, and this handsome offer was, with some modifications, accepted by the university in January, 1872. He was re-elected to the Slade professorship of fine arts March 1, 1876.

A collection of his letters, with a preface by himself, was published in 1880, under the title of "Arrows of the Chase." In 1883 he was again elected Slade professor, and at his inaugural lecture was received with unprecedented enthusiasm. So great was the crowd which thronged to hear his lectures that it was impossible to accommodate the audience, and Professor Ruskin undertook to deliver each lecture twice. He was obliged to resign the post in 1884 on account of failing health.

In recent years he had been issuing, in parts, his autobiography, under the title of "Præterita." He also published "Hortus Inclusus; Letters From Mr. Ruskin to the Ladies of the Thwaite." During the latter years of his life he lived in tranquil retirement at Brantwood, Coniston.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22, 1900.

Colonel Bryan's visit to Washington brought about a general interchange of democratic opinions, which resulted in showing, beyond question, that silver, trust, and imperialism will be the foremost issues in this year's campaign. While willing to talk freely on most subjects, Colonel Bryan will not express an opinion on where the democratic convention should be held, or who should be the candidate for Vice President. He said of imperialism: "I am opposed to imperialism. I am opposed to the permanent retention of the Philippines. I believe that this government should at once declare its intention to give independence to the Filipinos, on the same terms that independence has been promised to the Cubans. I am not opposed to all expansion. Each proposed annexation should be settled on its own merits. I have tried to distinguish between the peaceful extension of a republic and the change of a republic into an empire." Of his attitude toward trusts, Colonel Bryan said: "I propose that a Federal license shall be required of every corporation organized in any State, before it is allowed to do business outside of that State. While this license would permit a corporation, so far as the Federal government is concerned, to do business outside of the State in which it is organized, it should not impair the right of any State to impose any restriction, even to the point of prohibition, as the people deem necessary for their protection. The State and Federal remedies should be concurrent. It would not be safe to take from the State any power which it now has to protect its people from outside corporations, even though State protection is not complete, because if the State remedy were taken away, the people of the State would be entirely helpless in case the monopolies were able to exert a controlling influence over the action of Congress. These remedies could be exerted without a constitutional amendment." Republican mischief makers, or rather mischief makers, were responsible for the sensational stories sent out from Washington, alleging that Colonel Bryan and Chairman Jones had quarreled over what should be the policy of the democratic party. There was absolutely no foundation for the stories. The two men are in perfect accord politically, and on the most friendly personal terms. While in Washington, Colonel Bryan took family dinner with Senator Jones, and Senator Jones was one of the party of prominent democrats who accompanied Colonel Bryan to Baltimore Saturday night and listened to his able speech on the attitude of the democratic party towards the public questions of the hour.

Now that the administration has declared for free trade with Porto Rico, and Representative Payne, of New York, has introduced a bill, drawn under Mr. McKinley's instructions, providing therefor, all of the wearers of the McKinley collar will have to fall in line and support it, regardless of their records as protectionists. This will be a bitter pill for many republicans, but there is nothing in sight to indicate that any considerable number of them will have the sand to vote against the bill. Already they are beginning to ask if the McKinley programme includes free trade with the Philippines.

Representative Ball, of Texas, took occasion, while the Pension Appropriation Bill, which was passed, was under discussion in the House, to give the imperialists, who are trying to make it appear that any opponent to the war in the Philippines is a traitor to the United States government, some sharp raps by quoting the language of Abraham Lincoln, who was a member of the House at the beginning of the Mexican war, and who made a speech demanding information of the President, about the beginning of that war, compared with which most of the speeches made by democrats against the Philippine war are extremely mild.

Mr. Norman E. Mack, the Buffalo democratic editor, who is now visiting Washington, is credited with knowing New York politics thoroughly. He says that with the exception of a few corporation and trust lawyers, the party in that state is in line with Col. Bryan, and expresses the belief that the recent financial transactions of the Treasury Department, have materially aided the democratic cause, and that the state will elect a democratic governor and presidential electors, next November.

The administration's rather too pronounced sympathy with Great Britain's war on the Boers, is getting it into hot water. Senator Hale declared in a speech in the Senate, that he believed nine Americans out of every ten sympathized with the Boers in their struggle for liberty, and the Senate adopted Senator Allen's resolution asking why the State Department refused recognition to a properly accredited Representative of the Transvaal republic. And the trouble is just beginning. At a big meeting last night, at which there was some scorching talk, which must have made Mr. McKinley squirm, if he read today's Washington papers, the principal speakers were Senators Hale, Allen and Mason, and Representatives Bailey, De Armond, Sulzer, Lentz, Lamb, Champ Clark, and Gordon.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it we' owes me.

The Case of Republican vs. Democrat Well Stated.

Says Mr. T. M. Hufham:

"We know that they (the Republicans) believe in a mixed government by blacks and whites, because they set up that kind of government. No Republican convention has ever declared for white supremacy. No Republican platform has ever yet propounded the doctrine that white men alone must rule in North Carolina. Would that party dare insert such a plank in their platform? In the past they have given us a State administration composed of white and black officials. Have they repented of their own acts? Will they pledge themselves to nominate and elect no more negro magistrates, constables, aldermen, legislators and congressmen? The line is squarely drawn between the Democratic party opposing negro suffrage and favoring a State government administered exclusively by white men, and the Republican party favoring negro suffrage and opposing a State government administered exclusively by white men."

Election of Senators.

The House Committee on Election of President and Vice-President has directed the chairman, Representative Corliss of Michigan, to make a favorable report on his joint resolution providing for the amendment of the constitution of the United States for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people. The proposed amendment provides for the election of Senators by Legislatures, but permits the people, either in State constitution or by act of the legislature, to provide for their election by direct vote. It also permits State legislatures to empower the executive to make temporary appointments, when vacancies occur through resignation or otherwise, until the next general election.

A Jealous Woman's Hand Loosed the War Dogs.

London Cable to the New York World.

An extraordinary story is current here, which explains the complete fore-arming of the Boer republics in anticipation of British provocation of war.

It is alleged that a prominent member of the Rhodesian coterie which plotted the war gave information from an early stage in the conspiracy to the Pretoria Government. The latter was thus cognizant of every move of the enemy, and even of the purport of the most confidential communications between the leaders in South Africa and their agents in England who dealt with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and other members of the Government.

FAIR WOMEN IN THE PLOT.

Jealousy is mentioned as the motive of this treachery. Two beautiful women were intimately mixed up with the conspiracy, and the preference shown by one of them for a more fortunate confederate aroused the idea of frustrating the plot and ruining all those concerned. The archives at Pretoria are said to contain a complete history of the Rhodesian conspiracy, which will be brought to light when peace negotiations arise and can be used with especial effect if the Boers enter upon them at a disadvantage.

This story has caused the utmost consternation among leading South African financiers, and an energetic attempt is being made to discount it.

Colonel Cunningham.

Reidsville Review

The Durham Sun in a recent issue mentions the fact that Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person county, is a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination and heartily endorses his candidacy. The Review heartily endorses the Durham paper's views and believes that Colonel Cunningham would conduct a brilliant campaign and be triumphantly elected. He has never suffered defeat in any contest yet.

A VOICE FROM DURHAM.

H. M. Jordan in Roxboro Courier.

In casting about for a suitable man for Governor of the grand old commonwealth of North Carolina, there is no man that we would take more pleasure in voting for than Person's peerless and gifted son, Col. Cunningham. There is no man within the borders of our State that stands so close to all the people, be they agricultural or any other class, than he. No man can say a word against Col. Cunningham, and be honest and truthful in so doing.

While we are not in a position to speak of what Durham county will do, we are satisfied that she will do what is right, and if Col. Cunningham should be honored with the nomination of Governor, Durham will roll up a handsome majority in his favor. This county during the past two campaigns polled large majorities for all the Democratic candidates, and she will do so again.

With Cunningham in the gubernatorial chair, there will be none of the disgraceful scenes that have characterized the Russell administration, but the affairs of the State will be managed with wisdom, prudence and great executive ability. These and more are combined in Col. John S. Cunningham. His unswerving faith to the cause of Democracy has never been questioned.

With Col. Cunningham in the Executive Mansion at Raleigh, North Carolina would make still greater strides onward in the march of industrial development.

Let every Democrat who is a friend to Col. Cunningham work with all their power and strength from now until the State Convention meets, and his nomination will be fully assured. With Cunningham as Governor all will be well. "So mote it be."

Mrs. Morris' Letter to EVERY WIFE AND MOTHER.

[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 14,361]

"I have taken eight bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with gratifying results. I had been married four years and had two children. I was all run down, had falling of womb with all its distressing symptoms. I had doctored with a good physician, but I derived very little good from his treatment. After taking a few bottles of your medicine, I was able to do my work and nurse my seven-months'-old babe. I recommend your medicine to every wife and mother. Had I time, I could write much more in its praise. I bid you God's speed in your good work."—MRS. L. A. MORRIS, WELAKA, PUTNAM CO., FLA.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—When I commenced the use of your remedies I was very bad off. Every two weeks I was troubled with flowing spells which made me very weak. I had two of the best doctors, but they did not seem to help me.

"They said my trouble was caused from weakness and was nothing to worry about. I felt tired all the time; had no ambition. I was growing worse all the time until I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I am now able to help about the house, and am much improved in health."—MRS. A. WALKER, CALLICOON DEPOT, N. Y.

JESSUP SAYINGS.

JESSUP, N. C., Jan'y 20, 1900.

The poet has well pictured momentary enjoyments when he says:

"Pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flower the bloom is shed.
Or like the snow fall in the river,
A moment white then melts forever."

We had just laid aside holiday games and pleasures and were beginning the new year's work, when a hasty summons came to attend the bed-side of an afflicted member of the family. In the weary hours of watching and waiting, from which we have just been relieved, our anxious and troubled thoughts often wandered over waiting duties and willingly rested on the pleasant task of writing the OBSERVER.

Mr. C. C. Underwood who has been seriously ill since January 1st, is slowly improving.

Mr. J. W. Craven, of Ore Hill, is removing to his farm near this place. Mr. Craven is a good farmer and will be heartily welcomed by his farmer friends.

Messrs. James Lewis and W. L. Blackman have returned to Southern Pines.

Messrs. Zeb. Johnson and Bartlett Tyson, of Greensboro, are visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. T. B. Tyson has gone to Norfolk, where he will make his future home.

Mr. Reid Pleasants and Miss Ollie McIver, daughter of ex Judge James D. McIver, were married at the residence of the bride's father in Carthage Wednesday, Rev. C. H. Dobbs officiating.

Mr. A. H. Yow has purchased and moved to the farm formerly owned by Mrs. Jane McLeod.

Miss Maud Thomas who has been visiting friends in Greensboro returned Friday.

Carbonton public school opened Monday January 15th, with Miss Sallie Thomas principal. DONTON.

Recent Raeford Reports.

Correspondence of the Observer.]

Raeford, N. C., Jan. 22, MCM.

Washington's Birthday was observed here as Arbor Day, and trees were planted in the principal street. The weather being somewhat inclement, the work was retarded. However, it will be finished in the near future. Indigenous trees of several varieties were used. There are to be three rows of trees, one on either side, and one in the middle, making two forty foot roadways and two ten foot sidewalks.

The pupils of Raeford Institute were given a half holiday, in order to assist in the work.

Misses Flora and Mallie Lamont entertained a number of friends Saturday. Among those present were Miss Lillian Lewter, of Aberdeen, Miss Nellie Bernard, of Durham, Messrs. Tyler McLean and James Adams, of Aberdeen.

Miss Mary McDiarmid, of Meadow, Ala., is visiting relatives and friends here.

Messrs. A. A. Williford, J. W. McLauchlin and B. F. Moore are in Lumberton, attending the criminal court as witnesses.

The Hon. J. W. McLauchlin was in Aberdeen Friday and Saturday to see friends.

Miss Katie Blue, of Aberdeen, spent several days here last week with friends.

The Rev. A. Pope, pastor of Red Springs and Bowmore churches, (Methodist), will hold services in Raeford Institute the fourth Sunday of each month, beginning next Sunday.

RENRAV.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mr. J. H. Malloy accompanied his mother home from Georgia but could stay here but a few days as this is a busy season with turpentine men.

Miss Minnie McGregor, of Richmond county, spent last week at Mr. R. J. Fletcher's.

Miss Sallie McQueen and Miss Fodie McNeill came over from Red Springs and spent a night with Miss Emma Currie.

Miss Fannie Cobb has returned from a visit of several weeks to Lumberton.

For some time Rev. P. R. Law has had difficulty in breathing and last Friday went to Richmond to consult the physicians of Dr. McGuire's college. His numerous friends in this part of the State will be glad to hear that already he has been relieved.

Among the visitors of the past week we note Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeill Mrs. D. A. Blue, T. D. Love, Walter Love, Miss Annie Brown, N. S. McArthur, Floyd and Clarence Blue.

Mr. J. H. McEachern returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Richmond county.

Increase a Bingham School—Teachers' Meeting—Entertainments.

BINGHAM SCHOOL, MEBANE, N. C., January 19th, 1900.

The Spring Term of the Bingham School has opened with a large increase in the number of students and the class of boys to which the newcomers belong are of the of best.

At the Teachers' Meeting held last Saturday night the programme was very interesting. After prayer, "The Value of Bible Study in Schools" was discussed by Professor Hampton, after which general discussion ensued—in this all of the faculty took part, each discussing the relation betweea Bible Study and his special course.

Next Saturday an interesting entertainment will be given in school, consisting of slight of hand performances, specialties, etc., and much pleasure is anticipated. Another pleasant entertainment which is scheduled to come off at an early date is an old-fashioned candy stew to be given by the faculty to the students in the school dining-room.

The work of the half session just closed was of a highly satisfactory character as were the intermediate examinations. The students standing first in their classes and on examination are as follows:

Mathematics and Science—Brenizer, Brantley, W., Oldham, Muller, Shaw, Morrow, Davis, Johnston, G., Sturgis, Long, Council and Hedrick.

Bible, Penmanship and Physical Culture—Hedrick, Heath, H., Boone, Johnson, P., Muller, Murray, Allison, Brantley, W., and Council.

Shorthand, Typewriting, Telegraphy and Book keeping—Moore, Allison, Hedrick and Cocke.

English and History—Muller, Beall, Brantley, W., Brantley, R., Southerland, Fowler, Council, W., and Boone.

Latin and Greek—Brantley, W., Brenizer, Brantley, R., and Brantley, W.

Composition and Expression—Brantley, W., and Faison.

PRESTON GRAY.

Railroading Patents.

A single firm of Patent Lawyers, C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., have in the last year procured 1,430 patents for their clients, many of them for rejected inventions. C. A. Snow & Co. have been accused of railroading patents through the Patent Office, but they insist that this locomotion is better than ox-carting them, for by the latter process the inventor often dies before he gets his patent. tf.

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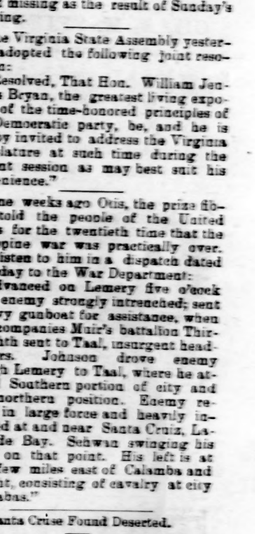

An Echo of The War—Who Gave This Yankee Soldier a Hat?

The following letter will explain itself:

Pipestone, Minn., Jan. 15, 1900.
Post Master Fayetteville, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—I passed through your town March 10th, 1865, as a prisoner of war, having been taken that morning at Solomons Grove, about 40 miles south of your town. As we came into town we halted near a house in the eastern part of the town, where a captain of the Southern army resided; he was at home; he made me a present of a hat, for which I thanked him, for I was hatless. Still I would like to know if he lives, if so, I want to thank him again, for it did good service on my way to Liby, where I arrived just before the surrender. He was a man nearly six feet tall, weighing about 180, probably 35 years old. I haven't any object in writing this only to thank him for his kindness. Please hand this to him if he is still there and oblige.

I can't remember his name; some times I think it was Williams.

If the captain gets this I would be glad to hear from him.

Yours truly,
JOHN PEARSON,
Late Capt. in the U. S. Army, 8th Ind. Vol.

Mr. George Woodward's Daughter to Marry.

The following invitation to the marriage of a daughter of a former popular citizen of Fayetteville is out:

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Woodward
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter,
Clara May,
to
Mr. Thomas Clay Williams, Jr.,
Wednesday afternoon, January the
thirty-first,
nineteen hundred,
at their home "Green Gables"
Durham, North Carolina.

Cleveland and Party Pass Through.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland, Capt. Rob't Evans, (commander of the battleship Iowa), Capt. P. B. Lamberton, (commander of Olympia at Manila), Commodore E. C. Benedict, (of the New York Yacht Club), and Gen. A. G. McCook passed through here at noon Tuesday enroute from Georgetown to Washington, D. C., in the private car Rambler.

Mr. Crews On His Trip Around the World.

Mr. J. A. Crews, veteran traveling representative of the Wilmington Messenger, who recently retired from the service of that paper to make a trip around the world, writes the Messenger a letter from Jacksonville, Fla., in which occurs the following paragraph:

It was very interesting to your correspondent to read no less than six Associated Press dispatches from North Carolina in this morning's Times-Union. Almost a column on the front page of the paper was devoted to North Carolina affairs. It was especially interesting as he is now some distance from home and is sadly missing the familiar faces of many kind friends back there. He is also at a great loss without the bundle which he so long carried under his arm containing the names of Messenger subscribers and his receipt book.

Chairman Simmons on Republican Rule.

The white people of North Carolina will never again submit to negro domination, nor that the negro shall rule the white man in any part of this State.

This was the irrevocable decree of November 8, 1898. For this reason the republican party can never hope to regain control in North Carolina, so long as it continues under present influences, for it is manifest that so long as it so continues negro domination in certain parts of the State will inevitably follow its success, and the influence of the negro in politics will of necessity be exerted and felt in every part of the State. It is futile for republicans to longer deny that their party in North Carolina is controlled by the negro and that government by it is necessarily government under negro influence.

How's This!

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News of Interest.

The grand jury at Frankfort, Ky., has returned indictments charging Colonel David G. Colson with the willful murder of Lieutenant Ethelbert Scott and L. A. Demarse, at Frankfort, Ky.

The transport Kilpatrick Castle, with the Duke of Marlborough, Rudyard Kipling, Baroness Burdett Coutts, Admiral Frederick A. Maxse and many army officers on board bound for South Africa, sailed Saturday from Southampton.

The first untoward happening reported for some time in the campaign now going on in Luzon is announced in the following cablegram from General Otis:

A pack train of twenty ponces, transporting rations between Santa Tomas and San Pablo, Laguna province, escorted by fifty men under Lieutenant Ralston, Thirtieth infantry, was ambushed yesterday; two men were killed, five wounded and nine are missing; the pack train was lost. The lieutenant and thirty four men returned to Santa Tomas with killed and wounded. The affair is being investigated.

General Buller reports this, Tuesday morning from Spearman's Camp one officer and five men killed; three officers and seventy-five men wounded and eight missing as the result of Sunday's fighting.

The Virginia State Assembly yesterday adopted the following joint resolution:

"Resolved, That Hon. William Jennings Bryan, the greatest living exponent of the time-honored principles of the Democratic party, be, and he is hereby invited to address the Virginia Legislature at such time during the present session as may best suit his convenience."

Some weeks ago Otis, the prize fiber, told the people of the United States for the twentieth time that the Philippine war was practically over. Now listen to him in a dispatch dated yesterday to the War Department:

"Advanced on Lemery five o'clock p. m., enemy strongly intrenched; sent by navy gunboat for assistance, when three companies Muir's battalion Thirty-eighth sent to Taal, insurgent headquarters. Johnson drove enemy through Lemery to Taal, where he attacked Southern portion of city and Muir northern position. Enemy reported in large force and heavily intrenched at and near Santa Cruz, Laguna de Bay. Schwan swinging his troops on that point. His left is at Baye, few miles east of Calamba and his right, consisting of cavalry at city of Tayabas."

Santa Cruse Found Deserted.

By cable to the Observer.

Manila, Jan'y 23.—The Americans have occupied Santa Cruse, on Laguna DeBay. It was reported that many insurgents were concentrated there, but the town was found deserted.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., JAN. 25, 1900

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Correspondence on all subjects of local and general interest and opinions upon matters public of concern, are invited

The editor will not be responsible for the veiws or statements of correspondents —and reserves the right at all times to revise or correct any article he may think requires it.

Correepondence for the Weekly Observer should reach the office not later than Monday.

One side, only, of the paper must be written on—and the real name of the writer accompany the contribution. No attention will be paid to anonymous letters.

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"Home and Farm" is one of the popular papers among the farmers. It has four departments—woman's, children's, poultry and dairy. Subscribe now.

Marriage at Cumberland.

Married January 17th, 1900, at the aesidence of the bride's father, Mr. Frank Harris, of Cumberland, N. C., Mr. C. D. Cook to Miss Roberta Harris, Rev. W. H. Townsend officiating.

Business Portion of McNatt's Wiped Out

Saturday night the only business house at McNatt's Station, on the Bennettsville division of the Atlantic & Yadkin, Mr. J. W. Hall's store, was destroyed by fire. The loss is covered by $1,000 insurance.

Moonshiner Captured.

Deputy Marshal Morrisey and special deputy J. W. Maultsby went out to Eureka Springs Saturday night and captured John Harris, a noted moonshiner, who has been evading arrest for a long time. Harris is part Indian, and like that race, displayed much cunning in keeping out of the law's reach. He was placed in jail to await trial before the Federal court.

The LaFayette Mill Incorporated.

The LaFayette Knitting Mill, of which we have spoken before, was granted articles of incorporation by the Secretary of State last Friday. The capital stock of the company is $10,000 and the incorporators are W. S. Cook, H. M. Pemberton, A. J. Cook and J. P. Cook. The business proposed is the manufacture of yarns into hosiery, underwear and other fabrics.

Burglars Attempt to Enter Catholic Rectory.

Saturday night, about 12 o'clock, Miss O'Brien, sister of Father O'Brien, pastor of the Catholic Church, was startled by hearing a noise at one of the windows of the rectory, and, though no one was in the house but a servant girl, she went to investigate it. At her approach a man, who was attempting to force the window, made off. Miss O'Brien gave an alarm and shortly after officer Benton came to her assistance. The man had made good his escape however, but left under the window distinct foot impressions.

One of Cumberland's Oldest Citizens Dead.

Mr. Thos. Sessoms, one of the oldest citizens of Cumberland county, died at his home at Stedman Sunday. He was an uncle of Messrs. David and Jeff. Sessoms, and father of Mr. Neill Sessoms, Mrs. Ringold, Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, Mrs. T. F. Hall and Mrs. McR. Autry. The deceased was highly respected in his community and was an honored member of the Methodist Church. He was born on the 8th of November, 1806. His father died one of the oldest citizens of North Carolina, being more than one hundred years old.

Flea Hill's Candidate for Register of Deeds.

A citizen of Flea Hill sends the following for publication, accompanied by a letter of recommendation, in which he says it will please the citizens of all parties of his township to have his candidate elected to the position of Register of Deeds:

WADE, N. C., JAN'Y 20TH, 1900.

MR. EDITOR:—We would be glad to see our friend, Mr. E. J. House, appointed or elected by our honorable County Commissioners to fill the place of Mr. Bynum as Register of Deeds for Cumberland county. As to his qualifications we would refer the Commissions to his neighbors regardless of politics. All political parties in Flea Hill township would rejoice to see him fill the above office.

Yours truly,
RED SHIRTS.

The Taking of The National Census.

Mr. J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham, who is the census supervisor for this the Fourth Census District, is now engaged in dividing the district into sub-districts, for more conveniently taking the census, which he will begin to do this summer.

The Raleigh Post of Sunday says:

Mr. Jenkins has about completed the apportionment, and he says there will be a total of 153 divisions in this district, which comprises the counties of Wake, Chatham, Johnson, Harnett, Cumberland, Moore, Richmond and Robeson.

Each district is made up of approximately 4,000 inhabitants, though in some instances the number is in excess of that figure. The division is made by townships. There will be one enumerator in each division.

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R., Selina, Ga., writes. "I can not say too much in praise of One Minute Cough Cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. King Bros.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics—A Splendid Banquet.

Odd Fellows Hall was the scene Friday night of a most enjoyable banquet, given by the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Mr. D. T. Oates presided as Toast Master, sitting at the head of three long tables, tastefully decorated and bountifully provided with the good things of the earth. The members of the order, some seventy-one, and the invited guests, a hundred or more, composed of the best representatives of every branch of our commercial and artisan life, together with their fair ladies, made a scene of more than passing interest. Mr. D. T. Oates made the address of welcome, admirable to which Col. Cook responded in his in taste and eloquence of delivery, usual happy style. The following gentlemen spoke to the several toasts, all making really excellent speeches: Messrs. J. A. Oates, Jr., E. R. McKethan, N. B. Alexander, J. T. Bynum, W. D. Gaster and W. B. Malloy.

A most delightful evening was spent by all, and everyone voted the Fayetteville Lodge of the Junior Order one of the very best of our benevolent orders.

This order, which is strictly American, has been in existence less than twenty years, but in that short time has grown to enormous proportions.

Its main principles are: Better system of education, promotion of American institutions, preference of American labor, separation of church and State. Less than eighteen months in our midst, it has seventy-one members, one of them, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, being the National Chaplain of the organization. Its sick and funeral benefits are its principal benevolent features.

An Interesting Meeting—The County Sunday School Convention.

On last Friday the County Sunday School Association was reorganized. After devotional exercises, conducted by the chairman, Rev. H. Tucker Graham, Mr. J. W. Bryan, Field Secretary of the State Sunday School Association, presented its work and results.

Its work is not anti-denominational, but inter-denominational, for the purpose of more united and effective Sunday School work. There will be an effort to establish Township Associations throughout the county.

Very naturally the next subject on the programme was "The Sunday School Teacher." Brief, but intersting and thoughtful addresses were made upon the teacher's "character," "preparation," "teaching" and "other work" by Messrs. McNeill, Lamb, Gorham and Hawley respectively.

At the afternoon session the characteristics of "The Christian Worker" were given by Rev. W. L. Cuningim, in a pointed and soul-stiring way.

"The Bible in the Home and Sunday School" was the subject of the eloquent and finished discourse of Mr. J. A. Oates, Jr., who completed the programme.

The County Sunday School Association will convene at the call of the president, Dr. J. W. McNeill, at sometime before the meeting of the State Association in Charlotte, N. C., in April, to appoint delegates, etc.

The music was very good, led by Miss Kate D. McKethan, organist.

Does It Pay to Grow Tobacco?

The meeting in Raleigh on the 17th inst., of the State Association of Tobacco Growers, is or should be sufficient proof to every thinking farmer that it does pay to raise tobacco, if not why would these old tobacco growers, many of whom belong to this Growers Association, concern themselves as to the prices? Why don't they, "just as many of you are doing," simply refuse to plant and grow tobacco? They have tried it for years, and, even at the present prices, know that it pays the farmer more clear money than any crop planted when it is successfully handled.

It is the low prices on tobacco that is causing the action of this Association, and not that it does not pay to grow it, but that it does not pay as it should, and as they want it to pay. Then, if it pays others to grow tobacco, why not you? If this move on the part of the tobacco growers is for the betterment of prices and they succeed, would it not be well for every farmer in this county, who has land that will produce tobacco, to plant some, just what he can cultivate and handle as it should be, and if the prices should go up get his share of the profits and benefits of better prices? Then plant your tobacco beds while it is time. It is too late to decide on a tobacco crop when you have no plants. High prices on tobacco or anything else does the man who has none to sell but little good.

You can get tobacco seed at Bevil & Vanstory's stable, or any drug store in Fayetteville, free of charge with instructions as to how to sow them, and how to keep and air your bed plant beds. It will pay you to try it.

Negro With Smallpox Escapes From Maxton.

There is considerable excitement in Maxton and neighboring country over the running-at-large of a negro with the smallpox. This man was discovered in Maxton Monday with a well developed case, and was immediately placed in a pest house. Some time during last night he made his escape, and up to the hour of going to press this afternoon he is still at large, though a tremendous effort is being made to apprehend him.

J. I. Bevry, Loganton, Pa., writes, "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after doctors failed. It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it. King Bros.

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Meeting of Board of Aldermen---Several Important Matters Disposed of.

The Board of Aldermen met in special monthly session Monday afternoon with Mayor Cook presiding and the following members present: C. B. McMillan, J. W. McNeill, C. W. Elliott, W. G. Hall, John Underwood, C. D. Sedberry, W. H. Powell and T. H. Maultsby.

The mayor stated that the board was called to consider several important matters, the most important of which was the matter of the public schools of the township. He said that in view of the fact that a very incomplete school census had been taken, which had considerably reduced Cross Creek's pro rata of the public moneys, it was necessary for the city to aid the local schools, or they would have to close early. He had therefore prepared the following resolution, which he submitted to the Board for their action. After some little discussion the resolution was unanimously passed as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of $500 be appropriated for the purpose of continuing the schools of Cross Creek Township when the county fund is exhausted, to be divided as follows:

White school No. 1,	-	$250
" " No. 2,	-	150
Colored school,	-	100
		$500

The money to be paid out of part of the receipts of Dispensary.

The mayor read the bids for doing the proposed work on the cemetery. There were four bidders, and on the motion of Alderman Hall, Mr. A. J. Deal and Mr. J. M. Lamb were awarded the contracts.

Mr. Lamb's bid:

Fayetteville, N. C, January 13, 1900.
John Underwood, Esq,
Chm'n Cemetery Committee.

Dear Sir: In answer to your ad. of January 9th, I beg leave to make the following bid for cleaning up the old cemetery under your 2nd proposition:

1st. I will properly prune and trim all ornamental shrubery in the old cemetery

2nd. Trim all trees that need it.

3rd. Dig up by the roots all bushes, shrubs and briars that are on private lots as well as on vacant spaces, including all that was formerly enclosed by fence.

4th. Consume by fire (on vacant space in back of cemetery) or remove by hauling all trees, roots, limbs, trash, leaves, grass, &c.

5th. Clean all the walks and grade the large walks as drives in such way as to have them higher in the middle, and make provision for carrying off the water that now stands on them in wet weather.

The whole for $200.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. LAMB.

Mr. Deal's bid:

Mr. John Underwood.
Chm'n Cemetery Committee.

I will tear down the brick fence around the old cemetery to the base, clean and pile the brick, - - $50.00

Building and capping wall 3 brick high, - - - 60.00

Sand, - - - - 10.00

$120.00

It will take about 20 barrels of cement which will be added to above amount.

A. J. DEAL, Builder and Contractor.
Fayetteville, N. C., Jan'y 17, 1900.

The mayor stated that Chief of Fire Department McNeill had received a letter from Rumsey & Co, of Seneca Falls, stating that the hose wagon was completed and that it would weigh 1,240 pounds stripped, and asking the purpose of the city before lettering the same. On motion of Alderman McNeill the following resolution was passed:

"That inasmuch as Rumsey & Co. have notified us that the hose wagon is completed and weighs more than the contract stipulation, the Mayor and Chief of the Fire Department are instructed to notify Rumsey & Co. that the city will refuse to take the wagon."

The contract with Rumsey & Co. calls for a wagon to weigh 1,200 pounds even.

The Fight Still in Progress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Spearman's Camp, January 22.—General Buller's forces are still shelling the Boer positions. The advance is made with the greatest care, every move being justified by a report made of the Boer position after a balloon ascension. Yesterday's fight was a stubborn contest over a front of six miles long. It continued from dawn till dark. the British slowly gaining ground. There has since been a constant musketry fire in the northwest. The British gained a position the Boers were holding on a rocky ground beyond. The fight is going on in front and both flanks covering every side of the range of territory. At ten o'clock Sunday the Dublin regiment carried a strong position by the bayonet.

Warren's object is to cut the enemy in two by an advance of Hildyard's men. We kept under cover until within half a mile of the enemy.

Pietermaritzburg, January 22.—Gen. Warren fought all day Sunday near Colenzo. Two hundred and ninety-five British were wounded.

BOERS TRIED TO GET ENGLISH IN A TRAP.

London, January 22.—Nothing has been received thus far today to indicate any conclusions to the fight now in progress. All that can be said is that the British seemed to be doggedly advancing in the face of an equally stubborn resistance. At the close of yesterday's fighting the Boers had merely evacuated their first line of defense to take another semi-circular position a short distance in the rear, recalling an old burgher ruse whereby the Boers have previously managed to entice the British into fatal traps.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS REACH ENGLAND.

The Transport Canada has arrived at Southampton from South Africa with 200 wounded British soldiers.

FOR BENEFIT OF BOERS.

At the annual banquet of the Alsace-Lorraine Society last night a subscription was raised for the benefit of the Boers.

I want to let the people who suffer from rheumatism and sciatica know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me after a number of other medicines and a doctor had failed. It is the best liniment I have ever known of.—J. A. DODGEN, Alpharetta, Ga. Thousands have been cured of rheumatism by this remedy. One application relieves the pain. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Extreme Tension in England.

The Most Anxious Pause Since the War Began.

"Has Been a Large Slaughter of the British."

Not a Word from Buller Yet Given Out—Steel Freight Cars for War Purposes—The Carter Case—Ex-Minister Phelps Dangerously Ill—American Women at Capetown Give a Reception.

Ex-Minister Phelps Ill.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New Haven, January 24.—Hon. E. J. Phelps, ex-Minister to Great Britain, is dangerously ill at his home in this city.

The Carter Case.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, January 24.—The United States Court of Appeals today affirmed the decision of Judge Lacombe in dismissing the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of former Captain Carter of the United States engineers, convicted by court martial of frauds in connection with the Savannah river and Cumberland Sound improvements.

Tried to Steal Boiler and Engine.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Camden, N. J., January 24.—The police are guarding the plant of the Universal Drier and Digester Company today because during the night some body tried to steal the engine and boiler. Patrolmen got to the plant, which is idle, just in time to scare away the thieves who had already removed one of the fastenings of the engine.

A Fatal Explosion.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Scranton, Pa., January 24.—Patrick Cosgriff and Elmer Howard, quarrymen on the Summerville and Luckwanna railroad were terribly torn and mutilated by an explosion of powder last evening, so much so that Howard died this morning. Cosgriff is hardly expected to survive. The men were sharpening quarry tools, when a spark flew from the anvil into an open keg of powder some distance away, blowing up the shop and burying the men in the ruins.

Steel Freight Cars for War Purposes.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Chicago, January 24.—The Tribune says the French Government has given the Pressed Steel Car Company of Pittsburg an order for 100 steel freight cars for the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean railroad. The war department of France is planning to equip the government roads with steel cars that can be converted without difficulty into armored cars for use in the transportation of troops. The results obtained by the use of these cars, which will be shipped to France in a short time, will be to determine the French Government's course of action in equipping all government lines with steel cars.

Extreme Tension in England.

By cable to the Observer.

London, January 24.—The extreme tension caused by what may be designated the most anxious pause since the war began has not been relieved up to this afternoon by anything save the daily Stock Exchange reports, which today were started by the Bulls who asserted that Warren had captured Spion Kop. The anxiety as to the next news is visible on all sides. The war office was besiged at an early hour this morning. It is generally recognized that the Boer position will be taken at a tremendous cost.

NOTHING FROM BULLER.

There is no news yet from Buller. There are many rumors of his victory, but there is no confirmation.

LARGE SLAUGHTER OF BRITISH.

A Pretoria despatch dated Tuesday somewhat amplifies Monday's despatch from the Boer Laager. It says four or five times during the day the British replaced their wearied soldiers with fresh ones. "The Boer casualties today were one killed and two slightly wounded. Our men are in excellent spirits. There has been a large slaughter of the British."

In Congress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Jan'y 24.—In the Senate Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, introduced a resolution amending the free-trade clause with Porto Rico and to admit Porto Rico goods at 20 per cent. reduction.

The House met at 11 o'clock. The consideration of the Roberts' case was resumed.

American Women at Cape Town Give a Reception.

By cable to the Observer.

Cape Town, January 24.—The American women here gave a reception here today at which the doctors and nurses of the hospital ship Maine and Consul General Stowe were the principal guests.

Big Railroad and Steamboat Conference In Atlanta.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan'y 24.—All the important railroad and steamship lines doing business in the South and Southeast had representatives at a conference which began here to-day to adjust rates for the Cuban business. Since the war, when the Cuban ports were opened to American trade, the railroads touching at southern and southeastern points have had a great deal of business to handle, but because of a lack of some form of agreement as to rates among the various roads this business has not proved very remunerative. The meeting is expected to continue two days.

Smallpox Reported at Wakulla.

It is reported this afternoon that a genuine case of smallpox has developed at Wakulla on the Bennettsville branch of the Atlantic & Yadkin, seven miles this side of Maxton.

The man said to have smallpox, who escaped from Maxton night before last, returned to his home in that place this morning, and, it is said, no one will go near the neighborhood.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, The 25 cent little pills.

The State School Appropriation.

We learn in a dispatch from Raleigh that State Treasurer Worth decides to pay immediately the $100,000 appropriation to the public schools. He will today notify all sheriffs who have not yet settled their State taxes to pay over to their school fund the amount of appropriation apportioned, and they will be credited therewith. Eighteen sheriffs have settled and the apportionment to these counties will, therefore, be paid direct from the treasury.

The War Situation.

Unless our press dispatches this afternoon throw some light on the subject, the situation of the British army in South Africa is still a subject of speculation. The British war office, though of course well informed, is grimly silent.

A dispatch from London last night says:

General Buller's great turning movement, of which so much had been expected, has come to a standstill. His carefully worded message to the war office telling this, after a silence of two days, reads like an apology and an explanation.

General Warren holds the ridges, but the enemy's positions are higher. The British artillery is playing on the Boer positions, and the Boers are replying. The British infantry is separated by only 1,400 yards from the enemy, but an approach to the step slopes across the bare open would expose the British to a fatal rifle fire.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

DIED.

In Rockfish Township, N. C., on the morning of November 25th, MRS. CAROLINE CULBRETH in the 69th year of her age. She leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn the loss of a dear mother. She was a kind and obliging neighbor and will be missed in the community.

A FRIEND.

*North Carolina Baptist please copy.

A. B. WILLIAMS,
COTTON BUYER,
HAY STREET,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C

FAYETTEVILLE MARKETS

REVISED DAILY.

COTTON

Middling	7⅞
Fair Middling	7⅞
Good Middling	7⅞

NAVAL STORES

Spirits	49
Common Rosin	100
Virgin	2 20
Yellow Dip	2 20
Hard	1 20

PRODUCE
REPORTED BY A. S. HUSKE, GROCER.

Flour—1st pat., sack,	$2.40@$2.65
Family Flour—2nd pat., sack	$2.00 @ 2.20
Hides—dry—per lb.	8@10
" —green—per lb.	5
Wool—washed	15@20
Bacon—hog round per lb	10
" —ham	11½a13
" —sides—	8½a9
" —shoulders—	9
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	45
Peas—clay	70
" —mixed	70
" —white,	85
Meal—bolted—46 lbs per bushel	52½@55
" —unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	50@55
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	90
Lard—N. C.	8@9
Tallow	4
Ducks	20@25
Hens—per head	22½@25
Roosters—per head	18 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	7½a8
Guineas	none
Geese	25 a 30
Country Butter	25
Hams	12a13
Honey—strained—per lb	8c
Eggs,	9 a10
Feathers—new	35 a 40
Potatoes—Irish—new	80a100
Potatoes—Sweet—new	30a35
Pork	4½@5

FOR SALE.

Our Turpentine Distillery at Clayton, Ala. Six (6) crops 2nd year boxes.
Three (3) crops virgin boxes.
Splendidly equipped in every way.
Three thousand acres round timber.
SLOCOMB & McPHERSON
Clayton, Ala.

REDUCED PRICES FOR PIANO TUNING

Two Tunings for $3.
Piano and Organ Repairing at moderate charges.
Orders promptly attended to. Call at the Piano and Organ Repairing Establishment in the Masonic Lodge Building.
Pianos tuned during the month will receive a second tuning during the Summer months.
Many persons are unaware of the great importance of having their pianos tuned twice yearly, by which means the instruments will always be found in good tune and will also retain a fine quality of voice, which, if neglected, the instrument must become harsh and uncouth to the ear.

BUIST'S
Have NEW, FRESH, RELIABLE Arrived.
GARDEN SEED.
Don't forget our motto of 20 years' standing: "New and Fresh or None."
B. E. SEDBERRY & SONS,
(2 stores)
Hay Street and S. E. cor. Market Square.

Ladies' Tailored Suit Sale.

15 Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits.

We have in stock the following Ladies' Tailored Suits and have marked them down to close out. Read these prices---half the price of material.

1	Ladies' Tailor-Made Suit		$4.00,	now	$1 34
3	"	"	5 00,	"	2.07
2	"	"	6 50,	"	2 48
1	"	"	8.00,	"	2.67
1	"	"	7.50,	"	2.75
2	"	"	8.00,	"	2 48
1	"	"	9.00,	"	3.30
2	"	"	10.00,	"	3 59
1	"	"	12.50,	"	4.82

Did You Ever Read of Such Bargains in Your Life? ? ? ?

Come in and look at these great values. No trouble to show them. Bring this paper and prices with you for comparison.

"The Big Department Store."
Frank Thornton DRY GOODS COMPANY

WOOD'S Garden Seed
are taking the lead.
Big Truckers and Careful Private Gardeners give them the meed of praise.

Persons who have been ordering direct from the house can now buy on as favorable terms through me.
A very full assortment on hand.
H. R. HORNE,
Sole Agent for Fayetteville.

Hot Drinks.
Chocolate, Clam and Tomato Bouillon, Also Hot Coffee.
Cold Drinks.
Coco Cola, Phosphates and Ginger Ale.
KING BROS,
Druggists,
Hotel LaFayette Building.

WHITE BRONZE.

In walking through old Cross Creek cemetery recently with John Underwood, Esq., chairman of cemetery committee, I was most forcibly impressed, by the *blackened, crumbling stones* on every hand, that we need something better as memorials of our loved ones. Hear what eminent scientific men say of white bronze:

"No other material is so well fitted to withstand the atmospheric changes, its oxide being a perfect protection from any change. Judging from a scientific and chemical standpoint, it is my opinion that these monuments will last thousands of years."
S. P. DUFFIELD, PH D., M. D.,
Emeritus Professor, Detroit Medical College, Dearbonville, Mich.

"I consider the White Bronze Monuments practically indestructible. They will not blacken or become dingy with age; moss will not adhere or grow upon their surface as upon marble, and the color will remain unchangeable while the monuments endure." S. P. SHARPLES,
State Assayer of Metals for Massachusett's.

Investigate by sending a postal card to JAMES M. LAMB,
Fayetteville, N. C.
Lock box 55, Telephone 49.

To Our Friends, the Fruit Growers and Shippers:

It has been reported to us that some parties are circulating reports that we will not start up this year. We take occasion to brand this report as a deliberate, wilful falsehood.

We are now ready for the season with a largely increased plant and new machinery, and about double capacity.

Write us or our agents for catalogue and prices.

SOUTHSIDE MF'G CO.,
Petersburg, Va.

SEND 50 CENTS to us with this ad. and we will send you our celebrated LA BERTA GUITAR by express C. O. D., subject to examination. It is a genuine La Berta American made instrument of great beauty, perfect rosewood finish, very highly polished. Handsomely inlaid around sound hole and inlaid stripe in back, celluloid bound top edge. Fingerboard accurately fretted with raised frets, inlaid pearl position dots, American made patent head, and finest nickel plated tailpiece. A REGULAR $8.00 GUITAR, powerful and sweet toned, furnished complete with an extra set of best quality steel strings and a valuable instruction book which teaches anyone how to play. EXAMINE THE GUITAR at your express office and if found exactly as represented and the greatest bargain you ever saw or heard of pay the express agent $3.65 less 50c, or $3.15 and express charges and the complete outfit is yours. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded in full.
SPECIAL PREMIUM OFFER. With every order accompanied by $3.65 cash in full we will give a Lettered Fingerboard Chart. It is an accurate guide, having all notes, with sharps and flats in full view, and can be easily adjusted to any guitar without changing the instrument. With the use of the lettered fingerboard anyone can learn to play without the aid of a teacher. Write for free musical instrument and piano and organ catalogue. Everything at lowest wholesale prices. Address
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Bears, Roebuck & Co. are thoroughly reliable.—Editor.

A New and Safe Process.

We have at last discovered a safe process
For Washing All Kinds of Flannel,
Especially All-Wool Blankets,
which we guarantee will give satisfaction. Your blankets will be fluffy and look new when done by us.
We are still making a specialty of Shirts, Collars and Cuffs. If you don't believe it give us a trial.
Yours to please,
Fayetteville Steam Laundry.

ADVERTISING.

For twelve years we have been advertising our goods and wares in the OBSERVER. We have never knowingly misrepresented our goods. We do not tell you we give you one dollars worth of goods for fifty cents. We only wish to let you know that we are awake to the interests of our customers and therefore to our own.

We wish to state that we have some unusual values we are offering now that we got in buying out one or two lots of hardware, taking all the parties had. We call your attention to the following:

A Lot of Horse Collars, Spokes, Buggy Fixtures, &c.,
at very low prices. These will not last long.

Tacks in all sizes, very cheap.
Boys' Leggings, Men's Leggings.

Cow Bells, Saw Sets, Meat Cutters, Tongs and Shovels at 25, 35 and 50c., worth 40, 50 and 60 cents.

Strap and T Hinges and Fry Pans.

All these goods we are offering below market price. We have also a lot of SPECIAL DOORS we can sell you cheap, and you know we buy these goods in car load lots and will sell them low.

The reason we sell so many AXES is because we guarantee them, and if they don't prove all right we give another one in their place. For the same reason we sell thousands of barrels of "ANCHOR" LIME every year. We guarantee it absolutely. The brick masons will have it, and we don't mind telling you a secret, we never have had trouble with but one single barrel in all our sales of this brand.

We are still selling STOVES at very close prices considering the heavy advance in them.

We can't tell you everything in this way, but if you will only visit us we feel sure you can find some things that will pay you.

We must mention, before closing, that we have a lot of PAINT BRUSHES that we can sell lower than the other man.

BUCK'S STOVE & RANGE
HUSKE HARDWARE HOUSE.

DO YOU EAT

"Flour Bread"? Would you eat THE BEST? Then use the best flour—flour that is pure, sweet and wholesome; flour that is live, white and reliable—always the same. Such is PERFECTION—not good to-day and bad to-morrow, but always the BEST and CHEAPEST flour sold in Fayetteville.

A SELECT LINE OF BUGGY AND WAGON HARNESS bought before the "rise" in prices, and will be sold at close profits. FARM WAGONS, both single and two-horse, regular and wide tire, and CART WHEELS AND AXLES at lowest possible prices.

CONTRACT GOODS like R. R. Mills Snuff, Mendleson Lye, Rex and Good Luck Baking Powders, Horseford's Bread Preperation, Cakes, Crackers, etc., at Factory Prices. Local buyers save freights in buying of us.

LIVE STOCK FEED in wholesale or retail quantities always in stock.

FERTILIZERS.

THE FERTILIZER TRUST has put up prices, but we expect to handle Standard Fertilizers, Acid Phosphate and Kainit at a reasonable profit. See us before buying.

Q. K. NIMOCKS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer, 10 Hay Street, Fayetteville, N. C. 'Phone 56.

A MAN THAT BLOTS

from his memory the urgent necessity of having his home and property insured finds that he has blotted out an opportunity that he should have grasped at to call forth sound money from the ashes when his property has been destroyed by fire. Don't blot from your memory the fact that we will insure you in a solid company at low rates, and see that your claims are paid in case of fire.

We Will Bond You in The Fidelity & Guaranty Co., of Baltimore, Md., on short notice.

NIMOCKS & COOK,
General Insurance Agents,
10 Hay st., Fayetteville, N. C.
(Phone 56.)

Notice to Farmers.

We have only a limited supply of Cotton Seed Meal
and desire as far as possible to accommodate our regular customers. Those wishing to buy for coming season will please call and see us without delay.
Plenty of Cotton Seed Hulls for Cows on hand.
FAYETTEVILLE COTTON OIL AND FERTILIZER CO.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!

It is not my intention to sell my Furniture by large attractive advertisements. I simply drop in an advertisement to remind you that
"The Old Reliable Newberry Furniture House"
is the place to get all kind of new, latest designed Furniture at the very lowest prices. I invite you to call when you are wanting anything in my line, and I feel sure that the prices and quality will sell the goods.
C. B. NEWBERRY.

"OLD TIME MOLASSES."

We have just received a large lot of Molasses, such as we have not had for years. SEE IT BEFORE YOU BUY.

Our Michigan Flours
are still in the lead. If you have not tried a sack of "PURITAN," you do not know what you are missing. It is better than many brands on this market that costs more money.

We handle many of the leading brands of FERTILIZERS
including Acid Phosphate and Kainit.
Our stock of Hardware is complete.
A. E. RANKIN CO.

Walter Watson,
GUNMAKER
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FIRE ARMS.

Parker, Colt, Remington, Westley, W. & C. Scott, Richards, Peter Webly and Premier

Shot Guns and Repeating Rifles.

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Paper and Brass Shot Shells, Pistol and Rifle Cartridges, Loaded Shells, Keystone B. L. Implements, Hunting Coats, Hunting Vests, Leggings, Gun Cases. Belts, Leather and Canvas Cartridge Bags.

Gun and Rifle Powder direct from the Magazine and Shot from the Factory. Send for catalogue and price-list of the above goods.

WALTER WATSON, Fayetteville, N. C.

ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so,

NEVER DESPAIR

Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

The Observer's Enterprise.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, there is no other town in the United States so small as Fayetteville which takes the Press dispatches. Wilmington, Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro and Asheville—the other towns in this State which take such dispatches, are far larger. The cost to the OBSERVER of this enterprise, so important in advertising the town and increasing its property values, would make a good living for a family. We are sorry to say that some persons who are directly benefitted by the OBSERVER'S great work for the town, not only do not advertize in the paper, but want the paper to do their advertizing free. Others of the same class, decline to pay the 40 cents when due for a month's subscription. Yet they make no outcry at paying for a railroad or theatre ticket before enjoying the ride or play.

Will our farmers Take Heed?

A crop of 11,000,000 bales of cotton at 5 cents, nets the south roughly $275,000,000; a crop of 9,000,000 bales at 7 cents, yields $315,000,000. In view of this fact, ordinary prudence and forecast suggests a diversification of products. As stated in the appeal of the Tobacco Warehouse Co., which appeared yesterday, indications point to good prices for tobacco next year. If our farmers would plant just a little tobacco, thoroughly learning how to cultivate it and at the same time adding to their resources for an income, it would seem the sensible thing to do. This year in this locality they can get seed free of cost, and competent experienced tobacco men are ready and willing to give advice as to planting, cultivation, etc.

Suing for Part of Dunn.

Messrs. Stewart and Godwin, attorneys of Dunn, were here Wednesday, looking over the old county records, covering a period when what is now known as the town of Dunn, in Harnett county, was a part of Cumberland, with a view to establishing a claim of a man named King, residing in Ohio, to an undivided third interest in a 600 acre tract of land within the corporate limits of Dunn, and which is now very valuable, having been improved by the present owners, who purchased it from the heirs of another branch of the above claimant's family.

News of Interest.

Maxton and Laurinburg have quarantined against Hamlet, on account of the smallpox.

The Virginia House of Delegates last week passed the "Jim Crow" car bill, or the bill requiring separate cars for whites and blacks on the railways, without a dissenting vote.

The South Carolina House Thursday decided to cede to the Government Sullivan's Islands, near Charleston, for a United States Government post. The building of the South Carolina State capitol, stopped by the Civil War, will probably be completed at a cost of $250,000.

The Populist State Convention will meet in Raleigh Wednesday, April 18. This date was agreed upon last night at a meeting of the Populist State Executive Committee, which was in session in the Senate chamber until after 1 o'clock. A resolution was also passed inviting a general conference of members of the Populist party to be held in Raleigh Tuesday, April 17, the day preceding the State convention.

A dispatch from London sums up the situation as follows:

General Buller's complete surprise of the Boers on Potgieter's drift kills tends greatly to restore confidence in his tactics. It shows his forces are concentrated. Methuen has made a demonstration in force, shelling the Boer works. Gatacre is skirmishing around Molteno. French is shelling the Boers at Rensburg. Colonel Plumer is moving to the relief of Mafeking from Bechuanaland with less than 2,000 men. Mafeking is in a bad way; the seige is being pressed with determination and the Kaffirs are deserting. Plumer on January 11th was 100 miles north of Mafeking.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at B. E. Sedberry & Son's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

"A young man came into our store yesterday suffering from a severe attack of cramp colic," writes B. F. Hines, miller and general merchant, Dickey's Mountain, Pa. "He had tried various home remedies without relief. As I had used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I gave him a dose and it soon brought him out alright. I never saw a fellow so rejoiced." Sold by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

F. B. Thirkield. Health Inspector of Chicago, says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia." It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia.
King Bros.

Resentenced to Hang.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Jersey City, Jan'y 19.—Edward Clifford, who shot dead Superintendent Mason, of the West Shore railroad, at Weehawken in 1898, was to-day resentenced to hang February 9th.

Up Goes Sugar.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Poston, Jan'y 19.—The American Sugar Refining Company (the sugar trust) has advanced all grades of sugar ten cents on the hundred pounds.

The Robert's Case.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Jan'y 19.—The reports of the special committee that investigated the Robert's case will be presented tomorrow. At the same time a motion to make the matter a special order for Tuesday will be offered.

Threw Baby from a Burning House.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Brooklyn, January 19.—An apartment house on 28th street was gutted by fire this morning, and two young women on the top floor who were seriously ill, were injured by jumping. Mrs. Palbino threw her baby out of a window and it was caught by firemen in a blanket.

Buller Has Crossed the Tugela.

By cable to the Observer.

London, January 18.—A Cape Town special says that it is persistantly reported that Ladysmith has been relieved.

The war office has received a despatch from Lord Roberts stating that he had received a despatch from Buller "that one brigade and the howitzer battery had crossed the Tugela at Potgiers drift. That five miles further west Warren has thrown a pontoon bridge over the river by means of which a portion of his force crossed Wednesday. The remainder are expected to be on the north bank Friday. Warren hopes to be able to turn the enemy's position; which, five miles off to his right front, is being strongly entrenched."

LONDON WILD WITH ENTHUSIASM.

London is wild with enthusiasm over the news that Buller has crossed the Tugela and is fighting his way to Ladysmith at last, and that a large British column is on its way into Zululand to work around the extreme eastern flank of the Boers and head for Utrechy and Vryhidi districts.

WARREN FOUGHT HIS WAY ACROSS THE RIVER.

Springfield, Natal, January 17th.—General Warren's division forded at Wagon Drift in gallant fashion, facing a hot fire from the Boer artillery and infantry. The Boers however made no determined effort to contest the crossing, and fell back firing, on their main position. On the north bank a detachment found a farmhouse called Rhynocerfontein full of the enemy who had remained to harass the British. They fled on the approach of Warren's troops after firing a volley. Warren later occupied a position on Spions Kop opposite the Boers centre, five miles north of the river. As yet the Boers have not replied to the British bombardment. They are evidently strongly entrenched.

The Two Armies Now In Touch—Skirmishing Before The Fight.

By cable to the Observer.

Spearman's Camp, January 18.—The war balloon made two ascents today, locating the Boer positions, which they had masked by refusing all day to return the fire of our guns. Lyttleton's Brigade was pushed forward today and is close to the Boer trenches. The two armies are now in touch and began an exchange of rifle fire tonight. Under cover of the firing Buller pushed his line out ready to attack, but not a shot came back from the Boer guns.

London, January 19.—The war office today issued a bulletin from General Warren dated last night stating that Lord Dundonald's horse had a battle with the Boers west of Acton Holmes yesterday. Warren reinforced him. They drove the Boers back, occupying the Kopjes about the town, and holding the positions captured. The Boer commandant had twenty men killed. Fifteen Boers were captured. The British loss was slight.

RUMOR THAT LADYSMITH IS RELIEVED AND WARREN KILLED.

It is rumored on the stock exchange that after eighteen hours' fighting Ladysmith had been relieved and General Warren killed. Nothing, however tending to verify the rumor, is obtainable. It had no appreciable effect on stocks. The official despatches from Buller render the report of the relief of Ladysmith not at all unlikely, but experts are not inclined to take it as true until the war office confirms the news.

THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Messages from the front appear to confirm the general impression that events in Natal will now move quickly. There is nothing up to the present to support the theory that the relief of Ladysmith has been accomplished, but it is believed, on excellent authority, that the situation is now regarded by the war office with entire confidence and that the beleaguered town is considered practically relieved, although there is no attempt to underrate the danger and difficulty of Buller's task.

ENGLISH CABINET MEETING.

The cabinet meeting to-day is for the purpose of arranging letters relative to the programme for the coming session of parliament and to outline the Queen's speech.

A despatch to the Times from Cape Town says that British Yeomanry will be mixed with detachments of local mounted infantry in order to learn appropriate tactics for fighting the Boers.

THE CAPE TOWN BOER ORGAN.

Cape Town, S. A., January 19.—The Onsland continues its unfavorable deduction based on the absence of news from Ladysmith or Kimberly. It derides the assistance the Colonies are lending the Empire, declaring it is based on business rather than patriotism. It also publishes letters referring to rumors of the murder of wounded dervishes by British troops in the Soudan, and asks if similar deeds will occur here. All these comments are skilfully calculated to increase the unrest of the colonial Boers.

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Merely A Puzzle.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Says the Richmond Times, editorially commenting on the speech of Mr. J. Allen Watts on taxation, before a legislative committee:

"Mr. Watts speaks first of all double taxation, pointing out that the farm and the mortgage of the farm are both taxed."

But how is this double taxation? Is a dollar in gold taxable? Is a Treasury note taxable? Is a bank-note taxable? Is A.'s promissory note, in the hands of B. taxable? If so, why is not a mortgage taxable? If A. buy a $10,000 farm of B., in exchange for his note to that amount, getting full title and possession, A. must pay the taxes on the farm, and B. on the note, for it is personal property created by A. on his credit, and which, if A. is solvent, B. prefers, as an investment, to money to the amount named. If A. had paid in cash for the farm, A. would be taxed for the farm and B. for the money. Further, if in the case of the note, or bond, for $10,000 in foreclosure of the farm, A. had given a mortgage on the farm in security of the bond, or in place of it, what difference would that make, except, perhaps, to add to the value of the bond? Should the greater value exempt it from taxation? We do not think so.

This plea of double taxation in the case of mortgages relies entirely on a confusion of thought, or fact, in which the mortgage represents the land and the land represents the mortgage, and which, if true in the sense urged, cancel both as taxable property, and not merely one of them; but it is untrue; land and mortgage being two separate, distinct and different properties, both valuable and taxable. It is merely a puzzle for the children's department of the family newspaper, and that is all there is of it.

Mr. Lacy Makes a Hit.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Mr. B. R. Lacy, Commissioner of Labor, made an address to the students of the A. and M. College yesterday evening. Mr. Lacy took as his theme the contrast in the methods by which mechanics are made at present and under the old apprenticeship system, instancing the troubles of his own apprenticeship and the superior advantages of the student in the Mechanical College of to-day. The old system he described as one of friction and absorption.

As an instance of the change wrought by mechanical training in the schools, Mr. Lacy told of a young man, college-bred, who began work in a factory at 40 cents a day and climbed in four years to the position of superintendent at a salary of $1,500 a year. He explained the differences between trades schools, manual training and technical training, and said the difference between general education and technical education was that the one taught the individual to know while the other taught him to know and to do, as well.

Mr. Lacy laid special emphasis upon the fact that the South is every year offering wider opportunities to the mechanic. His address was enlivened by many witty references to his own ups and downs as a mechanic. His speech was pronounced one of the best ever made at the institution.

Mr. Lacy made a fine impression. He spoke with ease and in an original and striking manner. He dealt in no abstractions, but spoke upon practical topics in a most practical and unique manner The boys were greatly pleased with the matter in the addresses and the manner in which it was presented. Mr. Lacy is a skilled mechanic of the best type who is an honored leader in the ranks of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He can run an engine, manage a bank or serve as State official with equal success and with equal honor. His career emphasized his wholesome speech and wise counsel to the young men, many of whom are preparing to become mechanics and to help forward the industrial progress that is now in the beginning of a great and permanent revival.

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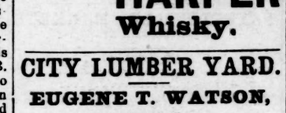

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Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a decree and order of sale made by the Superior Court of Cumberland county, N. C., at May Term, 1899, in a cause entitled W. H. Powell, Secretary of Fayetteville Baptist Sunday School, to use of Michael Powers, vs. A. H. Watson and wife, Mary E Watson, and Bank of Fayetteville, the undersigned Commissioners will expose to public sale the following described real estate in the pleadings mentioned, being the house and lot where A. H. Watson and wife now reside, in Fayetteville, on Grove Street, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the north margin of Grove Street, the S. E. corner of a lot formerly owned by Andrew Alvis, and, recently, Mrs. Dawson and Neill Love, thence S 70 E one chain to the S. W. corner of a lot once owned by E. Campbell and now owned by the Fayetteville Mill Co; thence N 20 E two chains 50 links to a stake; thence N 70 W one chain to the first named lot; thence with the line of said lot S 20 E two chains 50 links to the beginning, it being the lot known as the Love Lot, and deeded to A. H. Watson by R. W. Hardie as per deed dated 30th April, 1870. Recorded in Book I, No. 3, page 2.

Time of sale, 12 o'clock Monday, 5th February, 1900

Place, Court House in Fayetteville.

Terms, cash.

C. W. BROADFOOT,
R. P. BUXTON,
Commissioners.

Administratrix Notice.

Having this day duly qualified as administratrix of the estate of Needham F. Holmes, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 13th day of December, 1900.

This 13th day of December 1899.

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NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In Superior Court. Before the Clerk.

Elizabeth P. Smith vs. Edward Smith, Jas. Smith, Frank H. Smith, Chalmors Smith, Herbert Smith, Wright Smith, Maud Smith, Josephine Plummer and Husband, Willie Kirkpatrick and husband and others.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, based upon the petition of the plaintiff to have dower allotted her in the lands of her late husband, W. D. Smith, deceased; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county on the 18th day of January, 1900, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

This 11th day of December, 1899.

A. A. McKETHAN, C. S. C.
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Notice of Sale Under Mortgage.

By virtue of the power and authority given by a certain deed of mortgage, executed by D. G. McLellan, Executor, which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, in Book D, No. 5, page 560, the following property will be exposed to sale by public auction, viz:

The pieces or parcels of land known as the estate of the late Jerry Dawson it lying and being in Black River township and on both sides of the Wilson and Fayetteville R. R., and joining the lands of J. A. Wade, Gray Culbreth, John R. Tew and others containing one hundred and thirty acres more or less.

Place of sale: Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Time of sale: Tuesday, January 16th, 1900, 12 M.

Terms of sale: Cash

HARVEY BUNCE.

N. A. SINCLAIR, Attorney.

The above sale has been continued to the 13th day of February 1900.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority granted in a deed of Mortgage made by R. W. McNeill and wife Susan B. McNeill, recorded in Book T, No. 4, page 224, Register's office of Cumberland county, I shall offer for sale at the Market House in Fayetteville, N. C, on

Monday, February 5th, 1900,

at 12 o'clock M., for cash, a tract of land in Rockfish township, about 2 miles from Fayetteville, adjoining the lands of Ayer, Brewington, Monroe and others being part of the land conveyed to said R. W. McNeill by J. Shaw and wife by deed, registered in Book K, No. 3, page 114, of Register's office in said county, excepting that part which said McNeill and wife have heretofore conveyed. This deed conveys about 49 acres more or less lying along and east of Lumberton road.

LAURA P. RAY, Executrix of N. W. Ray.

C. W. Broadfoot, Attorney.
January 2nd, 1900.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority granted in a deed of mortgage made by J. E. Deal and wife, Caroline Deal, recorded in Book P, No. 4, page 400, Register's office of Cumberland county, I shall offer for sale at the Market House in Fayetteville, N. C, on

Monday, February 5th, 1900,

at 12 o'clock M., for cash, two lots on the west side of North street and the road that is in continuation of it near the northern line of Fayetteville, and bounded and described in two deeds to Jane Deal, viz: Zilphie Burkett to Jane Deal, registered in said county, Book H, No. 3, page 603, and Ralph Wood to Jane Deal, registered in said county in Book C, No 3, page 200; being the two lots at present in possession of J. E Deal and wife Caroline, on which they and Joseph Neal live. Said lots descended to said J. E. Deal on the death of mother, Jane Deal. LAURA P. RAY, Executrix of N. W. Ray.

C. W. Broadfoot, Attorney.
January 2nd, 1900.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court.

Marian A. Williams vs. Joseph A. Williams. } Notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the purpose of the same being to obtain a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county, to be held on the second Monday before the first Monday in March 1900, at the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., in said county, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

This 7th day of December 1899.

A. A McKETHAN,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

H. L. Cook, Attorney.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland Co. } In the Superior Court, before the Clerk.

E. F. Moore, S. B. Talbot and wife vs. Simon Beeton and R. M. Nimocks.

The defendant, R. M. Nimocks, above named, will take notice that a motion has been filed in the Superior Court of Cumberland county to revive the judgment heretofore rendered in this action, to-wit, on the 9th day of May, 1892, for the sum of $128.00 and for costs, $65.65, which judgment was duly docketed on the Judgment Docket of said Court, and stands upon said docket unsatisfied, and S. B. Talbot, one of the plaintiffs who, together with his wife, is the owner of said judgment, has made oath that said judgment has not been satisfied in full; and said R. M. Nimocks will take further notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of this Court, at his office in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 28th day of February, 1900, and show cause, if any he has, why execution should not issue on said judgment for the amount still unpaid and due thereon, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded.

This the 16 h day of January, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court.

N. A. Sinclair, Attorney.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In Superior Court, before the Clerk.

Daniel McNeathan vs S. J. Cameron and wife, L. M